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## CHAPTER I.

VALUABLE works on holiness have been written, abundantly blessed of God. I thought a small, practical work on this very important subject, suited to popular reading, might, by the blessing of God, do good in promoting the sanctification of souls. It is committed entirely to the guidance of our Redeemer. May He bless and prosper it extensively. To Him shall be all the praise and glory.

### God's Holiness.

How sinless, holy is our God,
His purity unknown;
The holiest light is his abode,
Pure holiness his throne.

"Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty." *Rev.* iv. 8. Perfectly sinless, holy, is the Lord. The brightest sun is dim, compared to the glory of His holiness. No creature could fully behold Him and

live. The heavens are not pure in His sight. The purest angels vail their faces before Him. The heavens around Him breathe an atmosphere unstained with sin. God is unchangeably holy, at all times, in all places of His vast dominions. Greatly exalted is He in holiness. Yet He is calling us, polluted, unworthy creatures of the dust, to be like Him in holiness. "Be ye holy, for I am holy." Reader, awake to this high privilege, this sacred duty; get clear of sin, be fully cleansed, washed in the precious blood of Christ, made like your God in holiness.

### Conversion begins Holiness.

"Ye must be born again." *John* iii. 7. The natural heart is vile, full of iniquity, and therefore must be changed by the Holy Spirit in order to become holy. An unconverted sinner cannot love holiness. Their nature is corrupt and evil. The change is so great it is called a new birth. Have you felt it? Are you in heart renewed of the Holy Ghost? Then you are prepared to be holy. Regeneration takes away the power of reigning sin. Conversion amounts to nothing, if the power of sin is not taken away. Christ saves His people from their sins. This is His great work. There is no salvation without it. Conversion begins salvation from sin.

New born the soul ascends,
On holy wings above;
With holy spirits now it blends,
Praising the Lord, in love.

## Is Conversion Full Sanctification?

Some argue "God does nothing by halves." He makes a perfect work, at once. No, he does not usually make a perfect work, at once. He works by degrees. He did not make the world in one day. Paul speaks of besetting sins in believers, plainly showing all sin was not yet eradicated. He was exhorting converted Christians, but tells them to lay aside besetting sin, evidently meaning that besetting sin still rankled in converted believers. He says of himself, "When I would do good, evil is present with me." This was said after his conversion. I have led many experience meetings, but never heard any one testify that they were fully sanctified at conversion. I never read of such a person. John Wesley had a wide experience, and says he never knew of such a case. It is possible, for God is almighty. If any one can testify that at conversion, all sin was eradicated, no besetting sin left, I would rejoice, and say Amen to it with all my heart. Usually, however, God does not work in this way. "First the blade, then the ear, then the full corn in the ear."

## Shall we Wait till Death for Full Sanctification?

Where does God promise sanctification at death? Is there a single text in the Bible to prove this? The dying thief was an exception. He never was converted until the dying hour, and of course must then have been fully cleansed to be fit for heaven. This was an exception. Not a single text in the Bible promises sanctification at death. Christ says, "If thy right eye offend thee, pluck it out and cast it from thee." That means now. Every sin, even darling sins, must be cast away now—not at death. Without delay, probe your sins thoroughly, search them out, and cast them away at once. God wills you to be holy now. "Now is the day of salvation"—of full salvation from all sin. Did Christ preach the doctrine that we must continue in sin till we die? What a discouraging doctrine that would be. When did Paul ever tell the people they need not expect entire deliverance from sin until death? He says, "We are dead unto sin." The old man is crucified now, not at death. Don't let your remaining sins blind your conscience and whisper peace until called to die. Christ bids you to be ready now, at all times. Continuing in sin, certainly you are not ready. No sin enters heaven. Therefore, be holy now if you would be in readiness for heaven.

Be ready now to meet
Your Lord in robes of white;
Holy and fit to find your seat
In Heaven's glad, holy light.

### If Converted Persons Die, are they Lost?

"Nothing that defileth can enter heaven. The inmates there have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb." Certainly the cleansing from all sin must take place some time. If not experienced by true believers in life and health, it must then be experienced at death. But, Christian, your privilege and duty are to have full sanctification now. The promise is now. "Now the Spirit waits to be gracious." Therefore linger not. Parley not with your fleshly appetites. Pray God to tear them all out now, that you may be blameless, without spot or blemish, in the day of the Lord. Appreciate your exalted privilege to be like your God in holiness. Awake to righteousness and sin not. While you can, seek and obtain the precious work of full sanctification unto God. Putting it off will only make the work harder. Seek it now.

### Why are Some Holier than Others?

Certainly some Christians are more sanctified than others. Their lives show a close walk with God. Their conversation breathes more of the

Holy Spirit. Some Christians are eminently holy, very near to God; their whole conduct shows that they have been very much with Jesus. Why this difference? Is God partial? Does He give to some more gifts than to others? At times it seems that God specially calls and peculiarly sanctifies some to a higher work, which He has for them. Paul, the Apostle, no doubt, was especially sanctified to the great work, to which called, and for which made peculiarly holy. God works by holy instruments. In every age He has raised up special instruments, for special service, and made them peculiarly pre-eminently holy. In carrying on all His great work of saving souls God has, at different times, sanctified His servants to His work, and made them especially pure and holy. Still, the Holy Spirit is promised to all who ask for it. Any Christian has the privilege of seeking the Holy Spirit, abundantly, with the assurance He shall be given. Any Christian may rise to high degrees of holiness. The exhortation is given "perfecting holiness, in the fear of God." Perfecting holiness, means great holiness, much weanedness from the world, much self-sacrifice, much devotion to the Lord Jesus. Fellow Christian, be one of the few true saints, cherish much of the Holy Spirit. Don't be satisfied with low attainments, with the groveling course of most professing believers, hav-

ing merely a name to live. Shake off your ease in Zion. Draw very near to God. He will draw very near to you, and give you largely his Holy Spirit. To do this, you must come out from the world, its fashions, its follies, its sports, its amusements, its opinions. You cannot walk closely, or at all with God, and with the world. Raise your heart to heavenly things. Be very pure, very holy. Realize fully Christ's cleansing blood. "Let the same mind be in you, which was in Christ Jesus."

Child of God, be saint indeed,
Wholly, fully sanctified,
On your robe no stain be seen,
Fully purified, be clean;
Unlike this vain world of sin,
Fire of love must burn within,
Warm affections rise above,
To your Lord, in truest love.

## Bible Characters.

Some persons in the Bible are spoken of as extremely holy. God said to Abraham, "Walk before me, and be thou perfect, I am the Almighty," that is having power to enable you to be perfect. This command implies a great deal, that Abraham was to be wholly sanctified to God. His wonderful giving up of Isaac, his only son, showed high devotedness, great sanctification. Moses sinned, at the waters of Meribah, no doubt was reclaimed

from that, and all other sins. Up in the mount, talking with God, face to face, he must have been extremely holy. Sin could not hold such intercourse with a holy God. Enoch must have been very pure. Before his translation, he had this testimony, that he pleased God. This was before translation; while yet in this world, and it means, that God found no fault in him, of course, very holy. Elijah undoubtedly was very godly, or would not have ascended to heaven. Daniel was charged with no sin. God certainly manifested great favor to him, which proved his acceptance, as a very holy servant of God. John the Baptist received high praise from Christ, which could not have been had he not been eminently holy. Paul the Apostle speaks of his being ready to be offered up, plainly showing high holiness. John the Evangelist speaks of his walking in the light of God, in fellowship with Him, of being cleansed from all sin, in the blood of Christ, showing thus great holiness. Many more might be mentioned. Are these holy saints, in the Bible, described merely to let us know they were very godly? Are they not mentioned, as examples, for us to imitate? Paul says they are a cloud of witnesses, to stimulate us to do likewise. Of course, their standard is high, very exalted. But Christian friends, "Let us lay aside every weight, and the sin

which doth so easily beset us." "Ye have not yet resisted unto blood, striving against sin." Rouse up your heart and mind, strive firmly, be like the saints of the Bible, wholly sanctified to God. God's strength is promised. He will help you, as He did Abraham, and other Bible saints. He is Almighty. We have Jesus to stand by us, to help us in every conflict. "Be ye perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect."

### The Blood of Christ gives Holiness.

The Gospel of Christ makes known a very plain, simple way of deliverance from sin, even from all sins. Wonderful was the love and pity of Jesus, past all comprehension. "Great is the mystery of godliness, God manifest in the flesh." Yet the acceptance of this wonderful mysterious salvation is plain, simple. It is merely, come to Jesus, believe in Him, trust in Him. "The wayfaring man, though a fool, need not err therein." Paul speaks of the foolishness of preaching. Try this for yourself. Do you want deliverance from sin. Is sin a burden and plague to you? Come to Jesus, cast yourself on Him. His blood flowed freely for you. He loved you even unto death. His blood cleanseth from all sin. Here is the only remedy for sin and uncleanness. All thanks to Jesus our dear Redeemer, that He died for us.

All praise to Him, that He loved us so truly, so strongly. All glory to Him, that He can cleanse from sin, even all sin; however unworthy, however vile, however polluted, He can save to the uttermost.

Uttermost is all my plea,
Jesus died for even me.
Dark and dismal though my stain,
Jesus' blood can wash me clean.

Do you want entire holiness, full sanctification, complete deliverance from all sin? Try confidently this power of Jesus. Many a soul has He wholly sanctified. He can and will sanctify you. Make full proof of what He can do. Doubt not. Have faith in his bleeding wounds. He will not disappoint you. His promise is sure. Come now, without delay, and be fully cleansed from all sin. Let no hidden sin remain. Let no self-will be in you. Give up all to Christ, take Him, as all in all to you. He will set you free from all sin.

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## CHAPTER II.

### Will Sanctification Take Away Every Sin?

"MY besetment is gone; for years it has troubled me; now gone, it troubles me no more." This was the experience of a Christian for more

than fifteen years enjoying religion, but troubled with a hasty temper. The least provocation threw him off his balance. He struggled against it, got the victory, but the besetment would return. One night, praying with his family, a light filled his soul, the Holy Spirit came with power, his besetment was gone, has not returned nor troubled him for over four years. Provocations still arise, but take no effect upon him. This man is a farmer, a great deal of work to perform, a large family to provide for, many cares, but now in uniform peace with God. If grace could take away such a besetment as his quick temper, it can take away any sin. "Then I must die. I cannot touch the liquor," said a dying Christian, in severe typhoid, whom the doctor urged to take liquor, else he must die. At the point of death, he refused the liquor. Once a lost, hardened drunkard, spending his last cent for liquor, but converted, by God's grace, he was completely saved from his besetting sin. An abject slave once, now free in Christ. The Lord spared him from his sickness, and he lived to witness to Christ's power to save from sin. If grace could take away such an enslaving sin as this man's intemperance, certainly it can take away any, even the worst sin. Christ came to save people from their sins. One sin will drag the soul to hell. Of course, every sin ought to be cleansed away. If one sin is

allowed, another may be. All are guilty in the sight of God. He requires full salvation from every sin. Where shall we draw the limit? We must cut them all off, in order to please a holy God. Traveler to eternity, don't gloss over any sin. It can cast your soul into hell. In Christ is provision for full cleansing from every sin.

### Natural Depravity Must be Taken Away.

Natural depravity cannot enter Heaven. Natural depravity defiles the whole heart, soul and body. Any defilement is shut out from Heaven. The natural bias, tendency, proneness to evil is born in every one, continually impelling them to wickedness. Strong and hasty, the depravity of the heart is a sink of much evil. Unfit for heaven, it must be removed. The task is great. Human power would be vain to take away the inward depravity of the heart. This monster can be slain by the power of Christ. Paul said, "The old man was crucified," meaning the evil nature within. No Christian should be satisfied until this work is done. Look inward, see the corrupt imaginations, the unclean desires, the sinful passions all at work, from an evil nature. Go to the root of the evil. Pray God fervently to take away the root of sin, the corrupt nature.

Unclean, unholy is the heart,
Its nature all depraved,
Diseased and vile in every part,
How can it e'er be saved?
Glory to Him, whose wounds atone,
E'en for a heart depraved;
Redeemed in Him, in Him alone,
A heart depraved is saved.

## Thoughts, Feelings, Desires, to be Sanctified.

Dear friend, would you be wholly sanctified to the Lord, fully consecrated to Him, give attention to your thoughts. Thought is the spring of life. Have pure thoughts. Think of heavenly things. Harbor not for a moment any sinful thought. Think much of Jesus, of his coming again, of his final judgment. "Bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ." This is very strict religion, very great holiness. But will anything less make a perfect Christian? Every feeling, every desire, must be wholly consecrated to God. Grace can do it all. You must be pure in all your desires and feelings. Christ the Almighty can do all this.

## Words Must be Sanctified.

"He that bridleth his tongue is a perfect man." Much depends on the words. A single word, wickedly spoken, can set on fire the whole human system. Beware how you talk. Idle, fool-

ish jesting, witty and funny expressions lead to sin. Christ never spake idly or jestingly, nor did the Apostles. You must talk for God. Speak often of heavenly things. Let all your speech be sanctified to God. How much vain, useless, sinful talk is indulged in, by professing Christians. They will talk of anything except Christianity. The things of God they never mention. Holy conversation does good ; promotes holiness.

### Plans of Living Should be Consecrated to God.

What are you living for ? What is your calculation in all your arrangements and schemes ? No one lives without some plan. Some guiding object in view regulates your purposes and efforts. All labor is put forth according to some preconcerted plan. What are your plans ? Do you have in view God's glory, His great cause of salvation, the welfare of souls around you ? Is your plan to increase in holiness, nearer, nearer to God ? Have you studied over matters and made your arrangements to live to God in everything ? Your plans now control your whole life, and your eternal destiny. Take care to have them holy. He that acts from hap-hazard, without any settled plans, is a fool. And he that has no established plan to serve and glorify God, cannot be holy. Paul often spake

of his plans and purposes to follow Christ and labor for him. All the Cristians of the Bible had their purposes and plans settled to live for God. Consider your ways beforehand, and let all your plans be holy.

Mark well your life's prime plan,
Eye God in all your way;
Singly and solely plan for Him,
His will be all your sway.

## True Sanctification a Constant Experience.

Holiness is no burden. True holiness is great pleasure. Free from the bondage of sin, in the glorious liberty of Christ, the sanctified soul can always live wholly to God. A holy Christian does not take up holiness as a task or duty for a time, and then to be laid aside. He loves at all times to be with his God. Even in worldly work, in temporal business, he realizes the presence of Christ as a consolation, a great joy. Holiness is the congenial element of the sanctified Christian. In this he lives, thinks, feels, talks, acts. Some half-way Christians have their seasons for duties, and when these are done, religion is off their minds. They think no more about it until the time comes round for duties again. The rest of their time, their minds are filled with vain, idle thoughts. Not so the truly sanctified soul. Holiness is to him a constant experience. Every day, every hour he has

fellowship with God. "I realize all the time the presence of God my communion with him is continual," was the remark of holy Christian. Formerly he enjoyed religion at intervals, sometimes having the light to guide him ; but at other times not enjoying it. Studying over his experience, he was led to seek entire consecration to the Lord, was brought into the full light of the gospel, and then found constant, unbroken communion with Christ. In his farm work, religion was one pervading feeling. Fellow believer, seek this higher life, close communion with God, full sacrifice to Him, that you may enjoy constant holiness.

### Jesus All in All, in Full Sanctification.

True holiness is a separation from all things else, and an unreserved consecration to God. Holiness means set apart, separated, from all other things to God alone. Thus Jesus becomes all in all to the truly-sanctified Christian. Without reservation the sacrifice is complete.

At Jesus' feet I lay my all,
For he is all to me;
Helpless, my Saviour, here I fall,
Be all in all to me.
Now swallowed up, and lost in Thee,
No other love have I;
No other idol can I see,
For time, eternally.

Christ sacrificed all for us. Shall we not sacrifice all for Him? He is infinite in every perfection. Pure, holy, good, lovely, loving, righteous, faithful, Almighty; is He not worthy of our undivided love? Don't try to love Christ with partial affections. Let nothing divide your heart from Him. "In His presence is fullness of joy." If you would share that fullness of joy, you must, indeed, without reservation, give yourself to Jesus. Whatever you are, or possess, or can do, or expect to do, even your life, all must be sacrificed to Jesus, and He be all in all. Is He not omniscient? Does He not perfectly know the state of your mind? Is any holding back of affections allowed of you, like Ananias and Sapphira. Is a part kept back—does He not know it? It must be your delight, your willing choice, not only your duty, to give all to Jesus, and in your inmost soul, with all your heart receive Him as all in all; that wonderful happiness, most precious enjoyment to be in Christ Jesus, that loving Saviour, as our every and only resource. This is holiness, full sanctification; this gives perfect abiding rest, when the soul, in full consecration, is devoted to Jesus. Make no mistake; beware how any idol still entangles your heart.

None but Jesus, Him alone,
My rest in Him is known;
Perfect, satisfying rest,
All in him now fills my breast.

## CHAPTER III.

### Some Longer than Others in Seeking Sanctification.

"IS this sanctification; am I indeed free from sin, at rest in Jesus?" So thought an intelligent pious woman, who for some years had been reading, meditating, praying about sanctification. Many had been her longings for it. Upwards of thirty years she had been a good, consistent Christian, by all respected and esteemed. One morning waking up every thing in the room seemed changed—new, holy, heavenly. Looking out of the window creation seemed fairer than usual. Could she have found what so long she had desired? This state of mind continued some weeks. Going then to a camp meeting she determined to go out as a mourner for holiness. The same feelings continued, and she rose convinced that she was in possession of the blessing. Openly she professed holiness, praising God for what He had done for her. Some might say this was conversion; but this woman had for thirty years given good evidence of piety. Her feelings of holiness continued, and gave good evidence of the sanctifying power of the Holy Spirit. Experiences vary very much as to the time in seeking holiness. Like conversion, sanctification sometimes is quickly

found; at other times a long search is required before the blessing is given. God acts wisely in these things. He knows the natural temperament, circumstances, character of each one, and gives grace as He sees fit. But must we not believe that some find sanctification sooner than others, because they are more in earnest, have more faith? Human accountability is at work in all the proceedings of grace. We have our part to do. "Seek and ye shall find," is the principle in all God's dealings with mankind. Do your duty diligently, call upon the Lord earnestly, be importunate, persevering, and God will answer you in the sanctifying of your soul.

### Sanctification Instantaneous.

"Cease to do evil." When any sin is taken away it is at once. The drunkard, in breaking off from liquor, must do it instantaneously. The profane swearer must stop cursing at once. This holds true of every sin, of all sins. Tapering off from sin, or growing out of sin, is not warranted by the Word of God, or human experience. The Bible always calls sinners to immediate repentance. Human experience proves that a tapering off from sin will not remedy the evil. Therefore it seems plain that in sanctification the change is instantaneous. The sufferers

who went to Christ for healing were healed quickly, instantaneously. Will He not, in like manner, quickly relieve the sin-burdened soul? At the day of Pentecost suddenly there came a sound from heaven. The outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, no doubt, to sanctify the disciples fully to the Lord and to His work, must have been instantaneous. Expect this work quickly; pray for it, strive for it, and look for it immediately. A single word from the Lord can speak you clean. Cast away all fear, all doubt, believe fully, and expect immediate deliverance from sin. John says, "The blood of Jesus Christ, His Son, cleanseth us from all sin." This appears to be a present immediate act. John does not intimate a progressive work to be done gradually, but that Christ's blood cleanseth now. When Paul speaks of laying aside every weight, and the besetting sin, he certainly meant at once. Remember Jesus is Almighty, He wills our holiness, and can quickly accomplish it, if we only trust Him. If you linger and drag on in the work of sanctification and don't want it quickly, you may wait a long time for it, and perhaps never find it. What is your will on this matter? Is your mind firmly made up to be completely holy, and to be so very quickly? No doubt the Lord will accomplish this precious work in you very soon. According to your faith, it will be unto you.

Ask now the blessing, holiness,
Just now, delay no more;
The Lord can give full cleanliness,
Just now, this very hour.
Ah! longing soul for holiness,
Come now with fullest trust;
Look to the Lord's omnipotence,
Prevail with him you must.

"Set free from sin, that cursed ill,
What precious liberty;
At liberty to do God's will,
What joyful ecstacy.
Delay not, wait not, claim it now,
Trust the blood-sprinkled throne;
Trusting, before the Saviour bow,
Quickly the work is done.

## Are All Sins Taken Away at Once?

Conversion certainly breaks the power of reigning sin, of every sin. If it did not conquer every sin, it could not give salvation. If any one sin was left in reigning, controlling power, it undoubtedly would destroy the soul. Sanctification eradicates sin, takes it up by the roots, tears it utterly away, and must eradicate every sin, or the work is not perfect. One root of bitterness left in the heart is enough to pollute the whole soul. See to it, search, examine well and thoroughly into your mind. If there is a single darling sin not rooted up, left in the soil of your heart, you are not wholly sanctified.

Here is a matter of vast importance. Don't shrink from self-examination. Be honest with your own soul. By prayer, by the Word of God, try your heart and life. If any willful known sin is indulged by you, certainly full sanctification has not taken place. No known willful sin remains after sanctification. Ignorance, a mistake in judgment, may lead to a seeming sin. Where there is no will there is no transgression. At sanctification the will and heart and mind are fully likened to God, no vice or tendency to sin remaining. Paul speaks of sanctification, as comprising body, soul and spirit. How happy, how delightful, how heavenly, to be in every thought, in every feeling, in every inclination, made like unto our holy Lord.

### Will Holiness be Known?

Some cast quite a mist over Christian experience. They think the work of grace somehow goes on almost unconsciously, giving no palpable plain evidence of its existence. Therefore, a person might be sanctified, and hardly know it. Is this reasonable, or according to God's word? Christ evidently did a great deal to convince his disciples of the truth of his mission. He wrought miracles, gave prophecies, all to convince them, that He was the true Saviour. Will He not give His people evidence of His work of grace in their hearts? When He fully sets them free from sin, will He leave them

in the dark about it? John speaks of God as the light, and if we are in fellowship with the light we cannot be in the dark. Especially if sanctifying grace brings us into close likeness to God, near similarity to Him, how can we be in the dark about it? Holiness brings us near to the divine Light, and the nearer we come to Him, the clearer must be our light. Try yourself by this rule, dear Christian. Are you in the light of God? Do you see and know, that a great change has been made in you, that you are freed from sin, conformed to a holy God, and in his light enabled to rejoice? Can you realize, that the hand of God guides in the way of His truth, and that by His truth you are sanctified to him? Judge for yourself, honestly, fairly. A truly sanctified Christian, brought near to God in holiness, must be in the light, and know consciously his holiness.

### Can a Sanctified Christian Backslide?

Wrong views are sometimes held about sanctification. It has been thought, that a truly sanctified person cannot fall; that so great, so deep is the work as to preclude the possibility of backsliding. Paul was a sanctified Christian, the old natural depravity slain, his very thoughts in captivity to Christ, himself a very holy man. Yet he had to watch and pray, and keep up a conflict with evil

powers, to keep under his own body, lest when he had preached to others he himself should be a cast-away. Holiness does not preclude falling. Satan was a holy angel in Heaven, but fell. Adam and Eve were holy in Eden, but sinned. Sanctification does not take away free agency, or a possibility of falling. Until we reach Heaven beyond all probation, there is in the holiest Christian a liability to fall. Wonderful responsibility, stupendous responsibility. Are you holy? Has God touched your heart with the inspiration of his Holy Spirit, and quickened you into holiness. Be watchful, be prayerful, lest you lose what God has mercifully given to you. Many enemies are around you. Satan always busy. Therefore, be well armed with the word of God, that you may resist every attack. Hold fast your confidence in Christ, keep clear from an ensnaring world, and continue in holiness. Live very near to God, walk with Him continually, and He will strengthen and confirm you in holiness.

## Is Sanctification a Stopping-Place, the Limit of Perfection?

"Grow in grace" is the exhortation of God's Word. It is only when made holy, free from sin, that we are fit to grow. A growth in grace is not a growing out of sin, a lessening gradually of sin.

Pure and holy, we are just prepared to go on in goodness. Of course sanctification is no stopping-place. Continually we must go on, and progress is the knowledge and love of Christ. During all our earthly pilgrimage, in all our trials and cares, amidst the daily sometimes pressing business of the world, still a sanctified Christian can go forward in the divine life, increasing in holiness. Never be satisfied with present attainments. Have you found strong faith? Seek stronger. Have you full peace with God? Seek more. Is the love of Christ shed abroad in your heart by the Holy Spirit? Seek more love. Paul says he had not attained the utmost. Forgetting past experience, he sought newer and higher experience. A wide field of the heights and depths of God's love is opened to the true believer. None but a sanctified person is fitted to explore and possess this great field of holiness. It is holy all the way. Holiness is plainly, strongly stamped upon it. You must be holy in order to travel through it. An unconverted sinner would be entirely in the dark here. A half-way, worldly Christian would not appreciate it. Have true holiness, then you can grow in grace. No doubt in heaven, where is perfect holiness, there will be a progress. New truth, more light, still increasing love, will cause saints to progress, probably forever.

Most happy holiness,
Still more and more of love,
Still more and more of heavenly grace,
Will stronger feelings move;
Filled with the Saviour's love,
Can we yet more attain,
Increasing grace will ever prove,
No measure He'll restrain.

## Shall we Limit God's Gifts of Grace?

"He did not many mighty works there, because of their unbelief." God's plan of redemption certainly has great fullness. There is no lack in it. Freely, fully, salvation abounds in all respects. Riches and power and all resources to an infinite degree are with the Lord. He is the Almighty. And then, in connection with power, He has love, boundless love, overflowing love. Kinder than an earthly parent, He pities and feels for us. Will He not give plentifully? He gave the Lord Jesus Christ, His well-beloved Son, to die for us. Matchless love! After that, will He not freely give us all things? His will is our sanctification. He loves to see us very holy. If we fail in this, the fault is ours. Mighty works cannot be done for us because of our unbelief. Dear Christian, make full experiment of what the Lord is willing to do for you, the great work He wishes to do in you. Live closely to God, walk near to Him, be faithful in all things;

expect, by faith, great gifts of grace from God. Prove Him, and see if he is not a faithful God, true to His promise. The same now as ever, He will do more than you can ask or think. Have the faith; trust God fully. Doubt not. Live closely to God. Thus show your faith in Him. Else He will not hear you. Faith will bring abundant gifts of grace.

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## CHAPTER IV.

### Christ the Standard of Holiness.

LET the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus. "Be ye followers of me, as I am of Christ." Christ is the revelation of God to this world, not only as our Saviour, but our Example. The infinite perfections of God center in Him. Himself He is the holy God. We are to come to Him for everything. Our ideas of holiness are to be formed from Him. Such as He was we are to be. Of course we poor creatures cannot be infinite; still we are to be like Christ. "Take my yoke upon you and learn of me, for I am meek and lowly in heart, and ye shall find rest unto your souls." There is no holiness without humility. Christ makes humility prominent. If we expect to be like Him we must be lowly in heart. The pride,

fashion, pomp, gayety, of the world, must all be sacrificed if we would be holy. Our self-conceit, self-righteousness, self-will, all must be given up, if we would learn of Christ and be holy. No sin was in Christ. His bitterest enemies could find no fault in Him. Holy, harmless, undefiled. He was the holy God in a sinful world. We are to be like Christ. His Holy Spirit is to inspire us. We are to live in Christ, our holy living Head. He is the holy root; we must be holy branches. The great work of Christ on earth was to destroy the works of the wicked devil. He came to take away sin and establish holiness. We must look to Christ as our guide and pattern in everything. If holiness was His great work, it must be ours. If He hated iniquity, we must be shocked at it. In all respects He is "the way, the truth, and the life." The high way of holiness is cast up by Him, we must walk therein. The millennial reign of Christ will be a reign of holiness. We must pray for it, expect it, and live in readiness for it. In the latter days holiness will pervade the earth, because Christ will be here to reign in person over the whole earth. Believer in Jesus, live wholly to your Lord. Be conformed unto Him in all things. He is your perfect model. Imitate Him. Come out from a wicked world which rejected Christ, and follow your Lord in true holiness.

Jesus, let thy spirit be,
In my soul continually;
Mould me wholly, make me thine,
All to Thee I here resign.
Holiness thy nature, Lord,
Pure and holy all Thy Word,
By Thy truth now purify,
Fully, wholly sanctify.

### Desires for Holiness.

"Blessed are they that hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be filled." Much depends on desiring holiness. Some mistake and hurt themselves in this. They have convictions that they ought to be holy, feel some desires for righteousness, but do not cultivate them. Such desires should be well improved. They are the preparations for holiness—that is, if they are rightly improved. Make much of your good desires. If you feel that you ought to be sanctified, if sometimes the feeling becomes strong, cherish it, make much of it, yield to it, and God will fulfill it. Even a slight desire for holiness, which occasionally arises within you, if faithfully improved, will bring you to it. Set your heart upon perfect holiness, let your strong wishes go forth towards it, desire it above the treasures of earth, more than gold or silver or precious gems, long earnestly and ardently for entire holiness, and by God's grace you will obtain it.

## CHAPTER V.

### Hindrances to Holiness.

THE way of holiness is not smooth. Divine Providence allows this life to be a rugged way of probation. Hindrances are in the way of seeking sanctification, and afterwards to turn aside from it. Entire holiness does not prevent trials and temptations. Christ himself, perfectly holy, more so than any creature, had severe trials and temptations. Holy saints in every age and part of the world have been subject to trials and temptations. Abraham, that holy patriarch, had a hard trial, when called to sacrifice Isaac. Elijah, whose mind was holy and heavenly, was greatly tried by the rebellious Israelites. Let any one be wholly sanctified, perfectly at rest in Christ, if they think themseves above all trials, they deceive themselves. "Through much tribulation, they (must) enter heaven." "Strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, that leadeth into life." Much conflict and self-denial are required, even of the holiest person. The warfare don't cease till we gain the crown. Be not dismayed, however, followers of Christ. "If God be for us, who can be against us." Trials, affliction, temptations, can all be overruled for good. Fear none of these things.

Keep Christ in view always, "who, for the joy set before Him, endured the cross, despising the shame." His strength will uphold you, and give you deliverance.

Dark the way, beset with thorns,
Oft our sighs, our tears, our groans.
Courage, Christian, Christ is near,
With his strength we need not fear.

Being holy, washed in Christ's blood, we are in Him, and, therefore, have all his truth and power pledged for our help.

## Satan.

This dreadful adversary hates holiness. He lost his own holiness once, and now seeks to destroy it in others. Cunning, powerful, malicious, what a terrible foe is he! Many a battle he has won, and he is seeking to conquer you. God knows your weakness and your strength in Jesus. His encouraging word is, "Resist the devil, and he will flee from you." Satan can conquer no one against their will. Be resolute, be firm in Christ, you have nothing to dread. Satan's chief resource is his deceit. He is the father of lies! A lie was his first temptation to our first parents in Paradise: "Thou shall not surely die." Such is his course ever since. He says to you, sanctified Christian, such things are no harm; the sports and follies

and fashions of a vain world cannot harm. Listen not for a moment. Hold no argument with him. Soon as he tempts, cut him short. Resist him at once. Maintain your integrity, your holiness. Christ has overcome Satan. We thank Him for that. At last Christ will cast the devil down into hell. Terrible doom, because he is unholy. Be on your guard, for especially Satan hates holiness, and will attack the saints of God, to turn them aside from holiness.

### The World.

Holiness means a separation, a setting apart specially from this corrupt, sinful world. This world is the enemy of God. "If anyone love the world, the love of the Father is not in them." It is utterly vain and useless to think of being holy and following the world. There is no neutrality in these things. Whoever goes after the world loves sin and hates holiness. Some have professed holiness, and yet been afterwards quite filled with the world. Its fashions and trifles and mirth seemed to occupy their minds. Of course, they were deceived. "Come ye out from among them, and be ye separate;" "touch not the unclean thing that is the world." In God's holy sight this world is polluted and unclean. Can holiness mingle with uncleanness? Would you truly be consecrated to God, devoted body and soul unto Him, then forsake the world. God's way

is the way of purity, totally unlike the carnal ways of the world.

### The Flesh.

"They that are in the flesh cannot please God." "The casual mind is not subject to the law of God, neither, indeed, can be." Some apparently good Christians contend that the infirmities and corruptions of the flesh are such as to prevent all attempts at a higher life. Whilst this fleshly state continues, they will lament their imperfect religion, their poor attainments, but say, the flesh is too strong for them. These are false excuses. Fleshly appetites are sinful, must be conquered, eradicated, if holiness is to be gained. Fleshly lusts and appetites are nothing less than natural depravity. They are sinful and guilty. No Christian must succumb to sin. Those especially desiring the higher life of holiness must cut off all the entanglements of the flesh. "Present your bodies, even your fleshly bodies, a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God." Christ's grace is all-sufficient. Be not distrustful. Trust heartily in the Saviour. He has overcome the world, and He can set free from all the corruptions of the flesh. Aspire to the higher state of Christian experience. Be not satisfied with merely having the flesh kept under, held in check. Pray God to eradicate, ut-

terly eradicate, and tear away every fleshly appetite, that you may be perfected in holiness.

### Associations.

Fellow Christian, seeking holiness, or being in possession of it, cautiously shun light, trifling company. There is hardly any worse bar to godliness, than light associations. Unconsciously they will lead you into their ways. You cannot be in trifling company, without being hurt by it. You may go among sinners to do good to them, to try to save their souls. Christ himself did this. But to go among evil associates for social enjoyment, merely to pass away time in their company, will hurt you. Many a Christian fails in this respect. They can spend hours in trifling talk, light associations with unconverted sinners, and then complain of the low state of their piety. No wonder they cannot rise in religion. They are following the very course to kill up their religion, if they have any, and entirely prevent their rising to the attainment and enjoyment of a higher degree of grace.

## CHAPTER VI.

### Hell is Unholy.

LET us estimate hell as a place of deep depravity. Every evil passion is there at loose. Unrestrained the dreadful base lust and passions of sinners are fully at work. Malice, revenge, pride, envy, cruelty, tyranny, scorn, hatred are in full exercise, tormenting the sad inmates of hell. Can we imagine any wretchedness worse than what arises from these depraved passions? Satan, the ringleader, with his depraved angels, is there aggravating the misery. They are all unholy. Besides, God's wrath and punishment are there on account of sin. "The worm dieth not, the fire is not quenched." "There is weeping and wailing and gnashing of teeth." Horrible beyond all imagination are the agonies of hell. They will be forever. Millions of ages will revolve, but the pains of hell will not cease. All this will be on account of unholiness. Sin produces it all. Reader, the fierce endless torments of hell, as an unholy place, ought to shock you at sin—at the least unholiness, and make you seek to become as holy as possible. Get clear from sin, all sin, every sin, and become entirely holy unto the Lord. The

pure in heart never can go to hell. They shall see God in peace.

### Sin the Prelude to Hell.

As you live so you will die, and so continue forever. This life is your probation. You will be judged for deeds done in the body, that is in this life. How terrible is the thought that sinners are heaping up wrath against the day of wrath; preparing the fuel which is to burn and torment them in hell. Every way of sin does this. God's wrath is revealed against sin. He has written in the consciences of sinners. He has revealed it in his Bible. Sin is the cause of all evil, of all God's punishments. Can you then be too holy? Can you get too far, too clear from accursed sin? Have God's law written in your heart and mind, that you may keep them perfectly.

### No cleansing in Hell.

The difficulty in hell will be there is no deliverance there from sin. Sin will reign there in uncontrolled and remediless sway. Pollution there never can be washed away. Eternity commenced in sin, in hell will continue forever. No pardoning, cleansing Saviour is offered there. No Holy Spirit ever converts the lost soul there. Hopeless dark midnight despair will brood over every lost soul in hell. No hope, no prospect of ransom or cleansing

is in hell. What gloom, what horror must seize their minds. Forever to continue in the filth, the corruption, the guilt of sin, without the least possibility of being cleansed, must be torment indeed. If you intend to have the cleansing, to be set free from the slavery and pollution of sin, have these blessings now. Now a Saviour is offered whose blood can cleanse. Now a Holy Spirit is promised who is able to sanctify. Improve these present blessings. Rise to the full attainment of deliverance from all sin. Let no sin remain. A single small sin may sink your soul in hell. Become free in Christ Jesus, introduced into the glorious liberty of the children of God, wholly pure, wholly sanctified in heart and body unto the holy Saviour.

### Growth in Sin in Hell.

Will sin be stationary in hell? Will sinners there at the outset be as corrupt as ever they can be? Must we not think there will be a growth in wickedness? In this world sinners grow harder and harder. Every day, every year, adds to their sinfulness. They go on increasing in their crimes during life. This is the usual course. Must we not suppose there will be an increase, a progress in wickedness, in hell? Probably Satan is now more hardened in crime than when he began. Sin never seems stationary. It is constantly at work, and

practice increases it. When ages have revolved in hell, who can calculate to what dreadful extremes of evil, and consequently of wretchedness, damned souls will progress. The extremes of sin, of guilt, of depravity are very great and shocking in this world. What must they become after long duration in hell? Fellow immortal, cherish holiness, be filled with the Holy Spirit, one with Christ in love, lest you grow in sin in hell forever.

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## CHAPTER VII.

### Sin a Deadly Evil.

WE can appreciate holiness by viewing sin in the contrast to it. What has sin done in the universe? God himself, the omniscient God, has let us know some of these evils. They are terrible. Sin cast the rebelling angels from heaven. High in holiness, in communion with God, rejoicing in light and happiness, for sin they, with their leader Satan, were hurled down to the fires and chains and agonies of eternal death. Must not sin be a tremendous evil? Our first parents in Eden enjoyed the presence of God in that lovely scene, having high and perfect delight. For sin they lost it all, were doomed to eternal death, and the whole earth was cursed on their account.

Multiplied diseases and sufferings now ravage the whole earth on account of sin. Is not sin a fearful evil? Sin caused the overflowing deluge to sweep away the millions of mankind. Bitter indeed is God's wrath against sin. Sin brought the loving Saviour from His happy heaven to this dark, ruined world, to become a man of sorrows, acquainted with grief, to die in excruciating sufferings on the cross. Sin will produce the solemn judgment in order to vindicate God's righteous law in the condemnation of sinners. Sin lights up all the sharp eternal fires of hell. Now, we thank God there is a remedy from this enormous evil of sin in the blood of Christ. But, fellow believers in Christ, who have fled for refuge to the blood of Christ, be sure to take this remedy in its full extent. Christ is Almighty. He can fully, wholly, entirely cleanse away the awful evil, sin. Make no half-way trial of salvation. Be not content with partial deliverance from sin. The evil is too great, too dreadful. Make sure in the blood of Christ, that sin is wholly slain, all gone, taken away, that you have a pure heart, a clean mind to serve God perfectly.

Captive no more, no more in chains,
The chains of sin so hard;
Set free in Christ, the richest gains,
Will be your high reward.

## CHAPTER VIII.

### Heaven is Holy.

Most happy scene around thy throne,
The work is done, the victory won;
What life, what joy, what happiness,
Arising all from holiness.

CHRIST has prepared a place for his people; the place of His especial habitation. Where He is His people will be. A prominent characteristic of the inmates there, is "they have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb." Not a sin can enter heaven.

"Those holy gates forever bar
Pollution, sin, and shame."

Of course, an omniscient God will know who has the spotless wedding garment on. No deception will avail anything there. The purest air of holiness is breathed by happy beings in heaven. The dark clouds of sin never rise there. The golden beams of the holy glory of God irradiate every object there. Not a single jarring feeling of sin for a moment breaks the harmony of that joyful place. Love, kindness, sympathy, holiness, inspire every one in heaven. One common bond of holiest love unites them all. Forever, forever, will that happiness flow on without the least interruption,

filling every heart with indescribable joy. Dear Christian, do you intend to be in heaven, you must be holy, very holy, entirely holy.

### Holy Angels are in Heaven.

We are to share the company of holy angels, who kept their first estates. They have never polluted themselves with sin. God's laws have always been loved and obeyed by them. Not in thought have they ever deviated from holy obedience to God. Pure in themselves, in all their service to their Creator, they are fully accepted of Him. Will it not be delightful to be in association with such sinless beings? These holy angels, good in all their original purity and love, will be around God's throne, in the company of redeemed souls. Often have they been sent to this sin-cursed world on messages of mercy; much interest do they manifest in the wonderful work of redemption. Desiring to look into these things, often have they rejoiced over repenting sinners turning to Christ, and when redeemed souls are all gathered home to heaven, certainly angels will rejoice. To such a holy glad company we shall come. Holy, therefore, pure and good must we be.

### Sanctified Saints will be in Heaven.

Many, very many, redeemed believers, have

gone through their purifying in this life; been saved from a sinful world, from their heart's lusts, and made holy in the blood of Christ, meet and fit to be in heaven. They will be in the company and associations of that happy place. Released from all sinful defilement, made like unto Jesus Himself, they are prepared to praise Him at His throne. Will you be one of that company, like them you must be cleansed from every defilement of sin.

### The Lord Jesus Christ will be in Heaven.

Name above all others,
Worthy name of Jesus,
High let heaven proclaim his praises,
Lamb who did redeem us.

The fountain and source of all happiness in heaven will be the Lord Jesus, the Almighty, the Everlasting God. Wonderful peace and joy will be found in His presence. He will wipe away all tears from every eye. No more death, nor sickness, nor pain, will be there. He will lead his people to fountains of living waters. They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more. Enough will it be, to be where Jesus is, once the suffering crucified Redeemer, but now King of kings, Lord of lords. He has all riches and glory and power. "In his presence is fullness of joy, at his right hand pleasures forever more."

"The tide of pleasure strongly rolls in heaven,
The summer day of joy forever given."

Not a sigh, not a sorrow, will ever be there. Exulting bliss, rapturous joy, will be there, for Jesus will be there. How kind He was in this world, ready to soothe troubles. "Let not your heart be troubled, ye believe in God, believe also in me." The same kind loving sympathizing Jesus will be there, ready to make all his people perfectly happy.

Transporting joy, where Jesus is,
Most rapurous delight;
Saints wash'd from sin shall taste that bliss,
Shall see that holy light.

Fellow believer, are you truly living near to Jesus, following Him in His straight narrow path of self-denial, of holiness? Have you really come out from the world; are you made clean in the blood of the Lamb? Look into these things, judge yourself honestly; see and know if the precious work of sanctification is wrought within you. Not else can you be where the Holy Jesus is.

### Love pervades Heaven.

Blended and united in one feeling of love, the hosts of heaven, the thousands, the ten thousands, and thousands of thousands of happy beings are all one in love. Love will strike the note of every

song there, love inspire every soul. What peace, what concord, what harmony will reign there. The love of Christ will be the spring of all the other love. "Unto Him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in His own blood," will be the highest song and praise there. Love is the fulfilling of the law. Holiness is the same. Sin destroys love. To have true love you must be holy. Holiness will fit you for a heaven of love. Let sin be purged away and you are fit for love, not otherwise.

Sin darkly hates a brother,
Sin seeks to harm each other;
Holiness wakes love within,
Purest love unstained by sin.

## Heaven Unchangeably Holy.

Probation ceases in heaven. None can ever fall there from holiness. Trials and temptations are all gone in that happy scene. Sin will there be forever unknown. Eternal life is to be the recompense. The prospect there of a continuance—an endless continuance—in holiness and joy will, no doubt, be very animating. Christ's truth is pledged that his saints shall reign with Him forever and ever. "Heaven and earth may pass away, but not the words of Christ." Look forward now, believer, with a great deal of hope. Let your expectations

be strong of receiving everlasting reward. Only hold out faithful, endure a few years, fight the good fight of faith, have patience for a while, then comes the rest forever. You can fall no more.

### Growth of Holiness in Heaven.

No doubt there will be a progress in holiness, in love, in enjoyment, in heaven. If in this life Christians are to grow in grace, to be progressing, why not in heaven? The nature of the human soul is to progress. Redemption has always been a progressing work. God seems in all His works of creation and providence to act progressively, unfolding and enlarging His proceedings. Must we not think new truth, clearer light by degrees will be given to saints in heaven—new powers of love and obedience; and thus purity and holiness and happiness still increasing. Though perfectly happy on entering heaven, still the happiness may be increased, as we know more and more of the love of Jesus, and are made more and more like to Him in holiness.

## CHAPTER IX.

### Means of Sanctification.

GOD works by means. He could no doubt work without them. He is Almighty. His direction is, "Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, for God worketh in you, both to will and to do of his good pleasure." "Perfecting holiness in the fear of God." Reader, you have something to do in this precious, important work of holiness. Do not expect it, without your effort. Conversion, a change of heart, must be sought. So must sanctification. "Ask, and it shall be given you ; seek, and ye shall find." This principle of self-effort runs throughout the whole work of salvation, from beginning to end. You must put forth an effort. You must, yourself, seek and strive. The Holy Spirit is the agent and author of sanctification. Without that Spirit there is no holiness. The promise is, "How much more shall your Heavenly Father give His Holy Spirit to them that ask Him." Ask in good earnest, pray fervently for the gift of God's Holy Spirit. Without this you will labor in vain. Resolutions to be holy will amount to nothing. The power must come from the Holy Spirit. Pray importunately.

Make sure of that Spirit, and the work will be done. Call upon the Lord in constant persevering prayer till you find this precious gift. And be watchful to depart from all iniquity. If you hinder prayer by sin God will not hear you.

Holy Spirit, light divine,
Shine within this heart of mine;
Chase all darkness far away,
Give thy pure celestial ray.

Holy Spirit, fire divine,
Warm this frozen heart of mine;
Quickened into ardent glow,
May affections toward Thee flow.

"Sanctify my every thought,
Holy, pure, just as I ought,
Like to Thee, my Lord, may I
Thee forever glorify.

Too much importance cannot be given to the Holy Spirit. Take care how you grieve Him. Make much of His strivings. The least known sin forsake, that you may cherish the Holy Spirit, and by Him be fully sanctified to God. Precious, most precious, is the work of the Holy Spirit as He cleanses, purifies, sanctifies, lifts to heaven every feeling, all by the blood of Jesus. The Holy Spirit applies that cleansing blood.

### God's Truth a Means of Sanctification.

Read the Bible yourself. Understand it with

your own mind. Learn God's truth directly from His own word. Find out, what God himself would have you think and believe. "Search the Scriptures," is Christ's solemn command. If you cannot read yourself, get some one to read the Bible to you. Go to the fountain head, and learn the truth, as God teaches it. By His truth He sanctifies the soul. Christ prayed to His Father "Sanctify them by Thy truth; Thy word is truth." Holiness depends a great deal on a familiar acquaintance with the Bible. The most holy Christians are those that best understand and practice the truths of the Bible. Pray God to enlighten you by His Holy Spirit, to understand His saving truth. Read the Bible very humbly, and strive to know it thoroughly. Take God's truth to your heart, your inmost heart. Love it continually. Very different from a base, corrupt world, is God's truth, pure and good. God blesses it to the sanctification of His people.

No gem nor diamond can compare
With God's own heavenly truth;
Most precious, they His love shall share,
Who best obey His truth.

## Christ's Blood the Special Means of Sanctification.

"The blood of Jesus Christ, His Son, cleanseth

us from all sin." "Death is no trouble to me. I can triumph. I can clearly view heaven," said a dying Christian, cleansed in the blood of Christ. "I long to depart, and be with Christ," said a pious woman, dying, cleansed in the blood of Jesus. No other remedy can take away sin. "I live daily unto God, and have constant peace with Him," said a sanctified Christian, cleansed in the blood of the Lamb. God has given the blood of Christ power. It can take away the vilest sin, every sin, and sanctify wholly to God. Philosophy and science the world over can discover no cure for sin. The dreadful, hellish malady of sin is too deep to be reached by human power or skill. Christ's blood can cleanse to the uttermost, and can fully cleanse. I knew one of the first missionaries, Peter Gulick, to the Sandwich Islands, a filthy, ferocious, race of cannibals. He and other missionaries preached Christ's blood to them. God blessed the blood of Christ to the cleansing of those polluted vile heathen. Many of them were purified by this precious blood. William Taylor preached the blood of Christ among the Hindoos, who burned their own children to idols, and were polluted in the most degraded sins. God blessed the blood of Christ to their cleansing, in many instances. Many of them were purified by this Almighty blood. Voltaire, in all his depravity and sensual-

ity, could have no idea of Christ's blood, and therefore never was cleansed. A man in Maryland, lost in intemperance, hardened in wickedness apparently beyond the reach of mercy, was enabled by divine grace to open his heart to a crucified Jesus. His sins dropped off like scales of leprosy, he was cleansed from his sins, made holy to God. For ten years he lived a faithful Christian, and then died rejoicing; all because cleansed in the blood of Jesus.

Ah! Jesus' blood has heavenly power
To cleanse from every stain;
Believer, try this very hour,
Christ's blood to make you clean.

Infidels can talk very abusively against Christianity, but cannot take away a single sin. In their sensuality and pollution they are uncleansed. Evidently they are followers of Satan, held fast in his slavery. Christ's blood cleanses from sin, and therefore proves Him divine. Who but Almighty God could ever cleanse such a sink of pollution as the human heart? Wherever this blood is accepted it works a cure. Millions have been cleansed by it. Millions more down to the end of time will be cleansed by it. How sweet that song, sung by them in Heaven, "Unto Him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood." Christian would you be entirely cleansed from all sin,

every sin, the least remains of sin, try the power of the blood of Christ. Here is your sure resource. Come to this fountain, opened for sin and uncleanness. Make full proof of its power. Many a soul radiant with holiness in Heaven, has been washed in his blood. Many a pure Christian enabled to walk through this vale of tears, unspotted by the world, has been cleansed in this precious blood. Prove it fully. See what it can do for you. It has never failed. The entire depravity of the human soul, though deeply seated, can be removed by this Almighty blood. The garment darkly stained with sin can be made white and clean by this blood. Trembling, doubting Christian, groaning under the burden of inbred sin, cast all your burden upon Christ, His blood will relieve you. Earnest, striving Christian, longing for more holiness, for purer love, come fully to Christ's blood.

### Prayer is a Means of Sanctification.

"Draw nigh to God, and He will draw nigh to you." How will you draw nigh to God except by prayer? Holy men have always been praying men. Christ himself, although divine, set us the example of prayer. When He would have His followers sanctified to the Lord, He prayed God to do it. By prayer He brought down divine influence and blessings upon his disciples. It is well to pray

specially for sanctification. Christ prayed for His disciples. If you would really be set free from indwelling sin, ask God to do this, pray earnestly that He may give you His Holy Spirit, to bring you into complete likeness unto Himself. His command is "Be ye holy, for I am holy." Pray God to elevate you to this high standard of Christian perfection. His word is pledged, His promise sure, that He will answer prayer. Prayer is a wonderful privilege, and you must improve it well if you would be truly sanctified to Christ. Be importunate, urge your requests, that God may pour out His Holy Spirit upon you, and make you entirely holy.

### Meditation is a Means of Sanctification.

"I find my meditations, my thoughts very important," said an experienced holy Christian. If you would have holiness, meditate about it. "My people will not consider," was the complaint of the Lord about the Israelites. Serious consideration, careful meditation about heavenly and holy things, help very much towards holiness. "My mind is always meditating on sacred things," said a man seeking salvation. Let the truths of God, and heavenly things dwell in your mind, and occupy your meditations, if you would rise to the high attainment of holiness.

### Religious Conversation is a Help to Holiness.

"Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh," says our divine Saviour. Trifling, light, facetious, witty, worldly talk show a mind not much concerned about pure and heavenly things. Be careful how you talk. Vain, empty talk will hurt your own soul and others. Your speech must be sanctified. For every idle word we must give account. Watch your talk very closely. Take care to have it seasoned with the salt of holiness. Confess Christ in your daily conversation. Let others know from your speech, that you advocate holiness. Boldly express your sentiments, in favor of Christ's cause of holiness. No idle words ever fell from the lips of Jesus. Like Him we must speak religiously. Many a half-way Christian drags on with low attainments in piety, because they indulge in trifling, ungodly conversation. Would you live near to God, enjoy his presence, realize the power of His Spirit, be watchful to speak accordingly of the holy subject of salvation. Religious conversation is no task or burden, but a delight to the sanctified soul.

### Outward Ordinances or Forms cannot Sanctify.

The human heart, in its depravity, is prone to outward forms. The Israelites were continually, in

their wickedness, going after idols. The heathen world is full of forms and ceremonies. The heathen are all ritualists. God, for a while, instituted forms and ceremonies among the *Jews*, but has now abolished them. Christ says, "God is a spirit, and they that worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth." The utmost simplicity prevails in the Christian worship. Baptism and the Lord's Supper are simple rites. These, however, will not sanctify. Many a baptized person is uncleansed. Many a one in taking the Lord's Supper eats and drinks damnation to their soul. Christ never promised that outward ordinances should sanctify. The Holy Spirit guides into all truth, and by this sanctifies. The blood of Christ cleanseth from all sin. The power of this blood is obtained by faith, not by taking the sacrament. The sacrament is merely a remembrance, a memorial of Christ till He come. Christ never prayed "Sanctify them by baptism or by the communion." His blood cleanses, His Holy Spirit applies that blood. Paul thanked God he was not sent to baptize, but to preach the gospel of the cross, that is the blood of Christ. Had baptism been a sanctifying power Paul would not have omitted it, even if it did produce divisions. Outward forms cannot reach the direful disease of sin. Stronger power, even the blood of Christ, must remove this. Trav-

eler to eternity, would you be wholly, fully sanctified to God? Look far above the mere cold, lifeless, outward form, even to the Almighty power of Jesus, who alone cleanses from all sin.

Jesus, thy blood hath power alone,
Sufficient for all sin to atone;
No outward forms can reach the heart,
Thy Spirit now to me impart.

## Faith obtains Sanctification.

"All things are possible to him that believeth." Have faith in God, that He will perfectly sanctify you, if you would obtain this blessing. Almighty, perfectly true, infinitely-loving Christ desires your sanctification. Therefore, fully trust him. Think not the work cannot be done. Banish all doubt. Cast yourself confidently upon the arms of Almighty love. "My depravity is too strong ever to be entirely taken away," said a professing Christian. Of course, he remained in his depravity, and sins. Christ died on purpose that His blood might cleanse. After all His sufferings and death shall we doubt His sincerity? Can we doubt His ability? If you really wish to be pure and holy, accept confidently the offers and promises of Christ. If you continue in sin the fault is your own. The burden and plague of sin must rest upon you, because you will not fully trust in Christ.

Wake up your soul to righteousness, be shocked at the vileness of sin, determine in Christ to be set free from all the dreadful evil. Others laden with iniquity have found full cleansing in Christ by believing. Take courage, trust the Lord. He will not deny you. Peter sinned grievously in denying Christ, but washed in the blood of Christ, by the power of the Holy Ghost, he speaks of ceasing from sin, being without spot and blameless. Saul of Tarsus, bitter against Christians, persecuting them, helping to have them put to death, became, by the spirit of Christ, the holy Paul, dead unto sin, caught up in his holiness to the third heavens, wholly sanctified to God. John Bunyan, a notorious hardened sinner, cleansed by the spirit of Christ, became a pure, holy, sanctified Christian.

Christ's blood has power,
Try it this hour ;
Believe, have faith,
As Jesus saith.

## Why are so few Believers truly and wholly Sanctified?

"I cannot see into sanctification ; many good Christians don't profess it," remarked a Christian. He thought he must go with the crowd. If every professing Christian was fully sanctified, it would, in his view, all be right. In every age of the

world, in every dispensation of grace, only the few have strictly and holily lived to God. True godliness is rare. Precious gems are rare. Rough stones abound. Vile sinners, worldly church-members are numerous. Among the Israelites, God's peculiar people, only a few really followed God's ways. The multitude were always rebelling. Such saints as Elijah and Daniel and Jeremiah were scarce. In the early churches at Rome, Ephesus, Corinth, Galatia, only a few were truly sanctified saints. It is so now. Here and there is seen a godly, holy, sanctified believer. Does this disprove sanctification? By no means. Only a few comparatively are really converted, born, indeed of God's Holy Spirit. Does the fewness of sincere converts disprove true conversion? Not at all. Dear fellow Christian, arouse your soul to holiness; be one of the few who are fully cleansed in Christ; have on his spotless garments perfectly. If church-members drag on in their sins, uncleansed, unsanctified, having only the form of religion, go not with them. Come out from them, be separate, united wholly unto Christ. After all, we rejoice that in this our day holiness is advancing. More is now said about it, more written about it, more are professing it, than for quite a number of years. John saw a great multitude about the throne of Christ, who had washed their robes and made them

white in the blood of the Lamb. There will be no lack of song in heaven. The chorus will be full of the innumerable voices of those praising the cleansing blood of the Lamb. Come out from the world, come out from cold formal church-members, live wholly unto Christ, purified by His Holy Spirit, that in heaven you may praise His cleansing blood.

All praise to Him, who cleansed our sin,
Who makes and keeps us clean within;
Reader, have part in that glad song,
All praises to the Lamb belong.

## Union in Christ, a vital Means of Sanctification.

Strictly speaking an unsanctified person cannot be in union with Christ. We drink of His Spirit, we live by His living power, we feed upon His truth, we become one with Him, and in Him are fully sanctified to God. Thus Christ is formed within us, the hope of glory. Apart from Christ, away from Him, in the desert of the world, among his unbelieving enemies there is no sanctification. Close to His bleeding side, humbly at His feet, feeling His divine strength in our souls, we are free from sin, liberated from Satan, one with Christ, our thoughts, our feelings, our desires all blended in perfect harmony with His holy nature. True

holiness can exist only in Christ. Christ prayed especially, that His followers might be one with Him, and one with His Father. He is the living vine where we must find our nourishment. The closer, the nearer we come to that, the more holy we are.

> If severed from its parent vine,
> The lonely branch will soon decline;
> But nurtured by its native root,
> It lives and blooms with clustering fruit.

Have no association with Satan, no union with a God-hating world, no complicity with formal professors, but be one with Christ. Union in Him is full sanctification.

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## CHAPTER X.

### Holiness Gives Power to do Good.

WONDERFUL indeed, precious indeed is the privilege of saving souls. "He that converteth a sinner from the error of his ways, shall save a soul from death." Could you save the house of a neighbor from flames, could you rescue his body from sickness and the grave, could [illegible] giving alms save a family from [illegible] would do good deeds. But to re[illegible]

...e bondage of the devil, from his heart's lusts, from going down to the torments of an eternal hell, what a precious, what a great work would this be! Why is not more of it accomplished? Because Christians are unholy. The fire of divine love, the power of the Holy Spirit is not in them. Hence they are powerless to do good. Many preachers of the gospel are powerless to do good, because unsanctified, destitute of the power of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit will not dwell in an unholy mind. He may convince sinners, and strive with them, and even overrule their evil for good, but certainly He will not take up his abode and dwell in an unholy soul. Paul says, 1 *Cor.* vi. 19, that Christians are the temple of the Holy Ghost, and therefore must glorify God in body and spirit, that is, be wholly sanctified to Him. The indwelling of the Holy Spirit gives power to do good. How will you persuade sinners to come to Christ, if not fully alive in Christ yourself? How will you exhort others to forsake sin, if living in sin yourself? Religion languishes, many are perishing in their sins, because the people of God are not fully sanctified, not fit to fight the battles of the Lord.

Gird on the holy shield,
Christ's sinless armor take;
...pirit's power most fully wield,
... Satan's hold you'll shake.

Let your body, your soul and spirit, all be fully sanctified to God, refined, purified by His Holy Spirit, inspired truly with the love of Christ, and you will be strong to do good, to save souls. Sinners will then see and realize, that you are a Christian, and your efforts will do good. Pray earnestly, pray frequently, and have your whole soul filled with the Spirit, that you may do good for Christ.

### Try to have Others Sanctified.

John Wesley gave good advice to his young preachers, to preach sanctification, even if they did not yet experience it themselves, and it would help them in obtaining it. If you really believe in full deliverance from sin, if you sincerely desire to enjoy this blessing, recommend it to others. Speak in favor of it, exhort your friends and neighbors to seek it. By so doing you will help yourself, and do good to others. Look around you upon the spiritual wants of others, consider how far they live from God, how careless they are in religion, in what darkness about their eternal prospects. Can they enjoy much peace with God, whilst distant from Him? If entangled with the world and sin, can their hopes for heaven be bright? Strive to have them awakened to the great work, the high privilege of holiness. Christ's peculiar work is holiness. This is the object of his great mission to

this sin-stricken world. Be a co-worker with Christ. Labor to promote it in others, in all around you. Reprove sin in others. Be not afraid, nor ashamed to advocate pure godliness. Of course you will meet with opposition. Christ Himself met with great opposition. So did His Apostles. Laughter, and derision, and scoffs may assail you. Be firm, be steadfast, determined in doing all you can to promote holiness in others.

Precious work to work for Christ,
That His love fill ev'ry breast;
That the plague of sin be gone,
Holiness and love alone.

Work for this, while work you can,
Now improve life's little span;
Strive that all may holy be,
Pure in Christ, in Him made free.

Nearer, always nearer live,
To the Lord, then He will give
Grace sufficient for your day,
Pure and holy in His way.

No one should live for himself. All have an influence over others. Your example, your words, your character, all affect others. Make your decision to uphold holiness, to lead others in that safe good path. "Without holiness no one shall see the Lord." Your friends, relatives, neighbors, if unholy will never see God in peace. Do not their

lives and conversation testify to their worldliness? If you would meet them at the right hand of the judgment throne, and in the joyful scenes in heaven, you and they must be cleansed from every sin. Day after day, hour after hour, labor and strive for your own and others' deliverance from all sins. Holiness has always and everywhere been powerful to do good. Herod listened to John because he was a godly man. The wild fierce heathen respect the holy missionaries. The vilest sinners have an awe of godliness. Cherish much godliness, and thus do good to others.

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## CHAPTER XI.

### Besetments.

"LET us lay aside every weight, and the sin, which doth so easily beset us." *Heb.* xii. 1. Here is a subject of much importance. Different persons are differently constituted. What besets and overcomes one is no temptation to another. "This light, trivial, facetious spirit," was the lamentation of a Christian. For years his trifling mind, trifling imaginations were his besetment. "I felt too proud to pray. I thought I never would be humbled to prayer," was the complaint

of another. Pride was his besetment. "My mind craved novels, fiction, things unreal." Here was another besetment, of a woman, filled with novel-reading. Not able to stand an insult, an injury, is a very common besetment. "I crave the riches of the world still. The world is my snare," said a young man on his sick and, apparently, dying bed. "The intoxicating liquor is my snare," said a drunkard. "I cannot refrain from liquor." Spiritual pride is a strong besetment with some. Having made some attainments in religion, they are lifted up, and look with contempt upon others. Indolence besets some. They cannot bear to make any effort. Sluggish, inactive, they wish to be entirely at ease in their sins. The human heart has various ways of showing its depravity, and works in various besetments. Whatever they are, they must be taken away. Many seemingly good Christians groan a long time under their besetments. At times these seem unconquerable. Their hold is very strong upon the soul. Closely entwined, their roots are deep and tenacious. Resolutions are often formed against them, but in vain. Sometimes they are checked awhile, and then rise up stronger than ever. "Oh, wretched man that I am, who shall deliver me from the body of this death?" is the exclamation of many a soul burdened, weighed down, with sin. But besetting

sins must be taken away, or none can enter Heaven. No sin enters there. However strong, habitual, enslaving, besetting sins may be, Christ can take them away. He has the power and will to do this. No one need fear. No one need think their condition hopeless. Christ understands the weakness and besetments of his people. He will suit his grace to their trials. A professing Christian had for many years been troubled with a hasty temper. Slight provocations would enrage him. He would harbor feelings of ill-will against those who offended him. But at least grace gave the victory. The revengeful, irritable temper was gone. He could love the one that wronged him, pray for those that injured him. Dear Christian, seek deliverance from every besetting sin, not only to have the victory over it, to keep it down, but to have it totally removed, eradicated, cleansed entirely away.

Strong though your sins may be,
Quickly besetting sins ;
Jesus can take them all away,
Every sin can cleanse.
Let Him but speak the word,
All sin must soon depart ;
Jesus is the Almighty Lord,
Able to make pure the heart.

Have your besetments torn up by the roots, no root left. This is true sanctification.

### Is full Deliverance from Besetting Sins Presumption?

Some raise the objection that full deliverance from besetting sins, or indeed from any and all sins, must produce pride. Deliverance from besetting sins is a very great work; omnipotence alone can do it. But instead of pride, holiness produces humility. The nearer we come to God, the more humble we are. There is no presumption, no pride, in being delivered from our worst sins. All the work is the Lord's, and to Him must be all the praise. The greater the work, the higher the glory to the Lord, and the deeper our humility. "Thanks be to God, who giveth us the victory," shows an humble, lowly mind.

### Worldly Enjoyment a Besetment.

I wish to call the attention of those seeking holiness, to the consideration of worldly enjoyments. Some professing holiness, full deliverance from sin, yet cling to the world in many respects. "Take thine ease, eat, drink and be merry," was the sentiment of the rich man, desiring worldly enjoyment. But God called him a fool. Some quite pious Christians say, they see no harm in enjoying the world moderately. They think that they can be holy, and yet mingle with worldly associations, worldly company, for the

sake of worldly enjoyment. No one follows anything because there is no harm in it. They expect in every thing they do some real real good. They follow the world for real enjoyment. The games, the fashions, the sports, the amusements, the mirth, the wit and fun and gayety, the honors, the dainty living, the splendor of the world, they follow and partake of, in order to enjoy themselves. Is this holiness? Is not this vain world the enemy of God? Did not worldlings crucify the holy Saviour? Is His kingdom of this world? If any one love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. Did not the Lord cast the rich man into hell for the sin of worldliness. Was any other sin charged against him? Now, dear friend, if you would be holy, sanctified in heart and life to God, you must come out from the world totally, entirely. What! Must all worldly enjoyments be given up? Yes; you must find your full enjoyment in the Lord, complete, perfect enjoyment Him. This world hates God; is His bitter enemy. You must here live as a stranger on the earth. This world is not your home. Would you be holy? Separate yourself from a wicked world. Touch not the unclean thing. Then God will receive you, will be a Father to you, and give you that true joy which the world knows nothing of. No one can be truly holy, really sanctified, who joins in the ways

of an unbelieving, wicked world. Don't let Satan deceive you with the delusion no harm. There is always harm, great harm, in the ways of God's enemies.

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## CHAPTER XII.

### Religious Enjoyments depend on Holiness.

"THERE is, therefore, now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh but after the spirit." The holy, the sanctified, are released from condemnation. They walk after the Spirit, and enjoy peace with God. In the world is no peace. Sinners may sport and amuse themselves, but really have no peace. "Never did I know peace or content until made a follower of Christ and made holy unto Him," said a man over fifty years old. Long had he tried the world for enjoyment, but found it empty. In religion he found true content and joy. Often have sinners acknowledged their wretchedness, even when apparently gay and happy. Sin must distress the heart and mind. Holiness gives peace. God is perfectly, infinitely happy, because He is infinitely holy. Angels are happy because pure and holy. "The wages of sin is death." Wherever sin exists, there is death and misery.

Christ delivers from sin, and thus gives true happiness. Believer in Christ, make full proof of the preciousness of salvation. Become completely holy, liberated from all indwelling sin, and your joy will be great. "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God." What an exalted privilege, what surpassing joy, to see God, as your Saviour, your Friend, your Lover! No joy can be compared to this. "In His presence is fullness of joy, at His right hand pleasures forevermore." Poor indeed is the world compared to the riches which God can give. You must be cleansed wholly in the blood of Christ to enjoy full peace with your Maker. Sin cannot come near Him. You need not expect to enjoy the favor of God whilst sin is in your heart. A deceitful, polluted mind cannot approach a holy God. Experience the full cleansing power of Christ, and you can come near to God, be at peace with Him, and find abundant enjoyment in Him. John wrote to the disciples to have fellowship with God, that their joy might be full. Holiness brings us into fellowship with God. Nothing else can do this. The polluted sinner is unfit to be in fellowship with God, don't want it, and of course knows nothing of its joy. Pure, holy, soul-satisfying joy, is found in God. An overflowing ocean of joy and happiness, we find in Him our every want supplied. No lack is there of real, true happiness. The soul in

Christ realizes that peace and gladness that sinners know nothing of. Cannot He that made the soul satisfy and fill it with joy? Does not the Creator of the mind know how to comfort and enrich it with all joy?

### Faith is Confirmed by Holiness.

"Without faith it is impossible to please God." We must have strong faith if we would enjoy God's favor. Sin destroys faith. An evil heart of unbelief departs from God. Doubting and distrust all come from sin. The pure mind is prepared to receive and believe God's truth. A living faith in God cannot be enjoyed by sinners. Renounce all sin, come up to the full work of sanctification, if you would have firm faith in God. It may be at times that God allows His children to walk in darkness, doubt, despondency, in order to try them, to prove their fidelity. Usually, however, doubting comes from sin, some neglect of duty, some commission of sin. Live near to God, wholly unto Him, walk with Him continually, and your faith will increase. "By works is faith made perfect," that is, by holy living.

Sin cuts the wings of faith,
Retards its heavenly flight;
Hinders the view of things divine,
Beclouds the soul in night,

The holy can believe,
Have true and living faith;
The promises of God receive,
And credit what He saith.

Would you have your soul buoyed up with clear faith? Be holy. Would you realize confidently the truths of the Bible and enjoy their consolations? Be holy.

### The Hopes of the Believer are Animated by Holiness.

Christians live by hope. They expect a better country, even an heavenly. Christ Himself was inspired by hope. "For the joy set before Him, endured the cross, despising the shame." The prospect of life eternal hereafter is before every Christian. The hope of that better world depends very much on holiness. No one indulging in known sin can expect an entrance into heaven. Sin causes despair. Holiness inspires hope. They only who are washed in Christ's blood can enjoy good hope of heaven.

### Sanctified Christians can bear Trials.

Entire conformity to God's holy will is a fruit of sanctification. If God sees fit to afflict, the holy saint can say "Thy will be done," and rejoice in affliction. However severe trials and afflictions

may be, the sanctified soul can see the hand of a loving Parent in them all, and say, "Though He slay me, I will trust Him." Great consolation and peace have truly holy believers in all their dark times. They are stayed upon God, a loving, kind Father, in whose arms and care they feel perfectly safe. Sinners, unholy professors, have no such comfort in their distresses. They cannot lean upon a loving, Almighty Saviour.

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## CHAPTER XIII.

### God's Glory a Motive to Holiness.

"LET your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." *Matt.* v. 16. Of course, God is perfectly happy and glorious. He needs not our poor praises, or anything we can do to augment His glory. Yet he calls upon us poor sinful unworthy creatures to glorify Him, the Sovereign of heaven and earth. Amazing privilege is this, that we can reflect glory upon our Creator. This should stimulate us to be actively engaged in cultivating holiness, and bringing forth its good fruits openly, that Christ thus may be

honored. God's works, in creation, show forth His skill, His power, His goodness, and thus manifest His wonderful glory. All His wonderful proceedings of Providence, in upholding and directing the movements of the universe, show plainly His greatness, His wisdom, His goodness. When sinners are cleansed from sin, in Christ's blood, made pure, clean, holy, enabled to bring forth good fruit, they clearly show the marvelous love and wisdom of God in the work of redemption, of sanctification. Even in the eyes of a gainsaying world God is glorified by the holiness of his followers. Everywhere, under all circumstances, must the true holy children of God manifest the light of their holiness, so as to make plain God's glory before men.

No sin, no crime, must stain your life,
  Else there's no praise to God ;
Let your light shine, and glory give
  To Christ's redeeming blood.
Most clearly, plainly, let your light
  Of holiness shine forth ;
That thus his love you may requite,
  Who gave your soul new birth.

Angels delight to worship and glorify God. We must unite with them in this happy work. Therefore be sanctified wholly, and made fit to let your light shine.

### Christ had in view God's Glory in his Work of Redemption.

In extreme love and pity towards our fallen race Christ came to die for us. He died to save us from eternal death and exalt us to heaven. Prominently, however, He had in view God's glory in this great work of saving sinners from their sins. He came to purify to Himself a peculiar people zealous of good works, that thus they might honor God. His prayer was "Glorify Thy name," in His disciples. He redeemed His people from sin to make them happy, and also to glorify His Heavenly Father. Like our Saviour we must glorify our Lord. In all purity and love and holiness strive, like Christ, to magnify the wonderful grace of God. Be fully sanctified by the power of the Holy Spirit, that you may follow Christ, in all respects, and reflect glory upon God. He is praised and honored by the holy, good lives of Christians. "Shun even the appearance of evil;" have your whole life and conduct such as becometh godliness, that in all things you praise God.

### Sin Dishonors God.

None can harm the Maker. He is infinitely above all harm from mortals. Still He speaks of

His being grieved by the wickedness of sinners. He made all beings for his glory. When sinners act directly against His plans and laws, they dishonor Him. By sin they deny Him, set aside His lawful authority, and show forth rebellion against His holy will. Of course they thus dishonor Him.

### Adam's Perfection.

In the image of God, in true holiness, no doubt, Adam was created. He was like his Maker, and in close fellowship with Him. He stood by his own merits. Perfect in love and obedience, he was righteous, and accepted before God. Wherever holiness exists God loves it, and accepts of it. Adam, as yet in Eden, was perfectly pure. He needed no Saviour, for he had no sins to be pardoned. His strength to do God's will came not through a Savour, but directly from God himself, in whom he lived and moved, and had his being. His standing could not have been as secure as we have it in Christ. Still he had strength enough to do God's will, had he been determined. His fall was his own fault. His holiness was then gone, only to be renewed in Jesus. Adam certainly was, at first, living to the praise and glory of God, by his own goodness. Now we, his sinful descendants, can glorify God only as we are washed and cleansed in the blood of the Redeemer.

In Adam lost, in Christ restored,
Ah! wondrous plan of grace!
Again we glorify our Lord,
Christ's blood can sin efface.
Raised from our fall, and made anew,
With holiness inspired,
Our loving God by faith we view,
Union with Him restored.

## Satan and his Angels Lost to Holiness.

As far as we know, no provision is made for restoring the fallen angels from sin. Sin seals their dreadful doom. Unholy, the enemies of God, foes to the human race, given up to evil passions, they can never know peace. Let us take warning from them, not to go near sin, not to tamper with it in the slightest degree. If it hurled them down to the depths and torments of hell it must be grievously guilty. Follow immortal being, shun all sin; the least sin, lest it entice and mislead you. Give yourself up fully, wholly, to the righteous will of God, that He may sanctify you body and soul unto Himself, and present you blameless without spot or sin at the last day.

## Infidelity the Growth of Sin.

Infidels love sin. They hate a holy God, a holy Christianity; therefore they reject God's truth, and try to disprove it. Such infidels as Voltaire,

Rousseau, Paine, and many others were basely immoral, steeped in the vilest sins, and consequently opposed to all holiness. They did not wish to know the pure truth of God, because that was against their corrupt lusts and appetites. Slaves of iniquity, they tried to prove the Bible false, that they might have free license to indulge their wicked passions. Blinded by sin and Satan, infidels don't see their own slavery. Led captive by iniquity, they want to be free. No slavery is so hard and galling as sin. Infidels don't see this. They clamor and argue for freedom, but are abject slaves. God's truth gives true freedom. Infidels can't understand this. Sin festers in their hearts. Like the drunkard, they hug their chains. All their attempts against a holy Christianity come from their willful wickedness. Whatever is pure and good and holy, they abuse and cry down, merely because it is of God. Their heart is set in them to oppose God's righteous government. They will not have Him to reign over them. They want to be their own rulers, not considering that Satan, that hard task-master, is their ruler. Truth they don't regard. Their object is to fight against God. If there is no God, as some Infidels have dared to say, why resist and abuse His religion so much? The real truth they care not to know. It is humbling, unpalatable, against their corrupt

lusts, hence they deny it. The strongest, most palpable arguments are lost upon them. Even when an infidel dies in horror, as Voltaire or Paine, they harden themselves in sin. Did infidelity produce any good fruits, there might be some argument for it. Where are its good fruits? What good has it ever done in the world? Nothing but evil, the worst crimes, the lowest profligacy, have ever resulted from infidelity. The devil promotes Infidelity because it is sinful. Thus it suits his horrible machinations against a holy God. Did Christianity tolerate wickedness, quickly would infidels accept of it. They cannot bear the holiness of the gospel. The loathsomeness of sin is all they relish. All their arguments are for unrestricted wickedness. They will find out, in eternal death, that Satan's tyranny is far from freedom, far from truth and peace. Christian friend, your surest way to oppose infidelity and advocate the truth of Christ is by holiness. If in heart you are pure, in life holy, if you let your blameless living shine to God's glory, you will be an unanswerable witness to the truth of religion. Infidels cannot stand before a holy Christian. Be well inspired with the Holy Spirit, in words, in actions, and you will be a living argument, a powerful evidence, that Christ is true. Infidelity never has prevailed against holiness, and we have the promise

of unerring truth that holiness shall triumph and overspread the earth.

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## CHAPTER XIV.

### Spiritual Light a Preparation for Holiness.

"AND their foolish heart was darkened." *Rom.* i. 21. Sinners are quite in the dark. They see not the purity and excellence of divine truth. Midnight is not darker than their minds. Deep clouds of sin beset their way.

> Deep clouds of sin beset their way,
> And make them ever err and stray;
> The path of truth they do not see,
> But walk in lies and vanity.

Whoever comes to the light is prepared for holiness. Many a professing Christian is much in the dark. They do not understand the spirituality of religion. "She attends meeting regularly, pays the preacher, takes communion; what more can she do?" said a church-member respecting a female friend. Did that church-member know anything of spiritual religion? A mere worldling, unconverted, can attend church, pay the preacher, take the communion. Church-members often do not understand the pure holy nature of Christianity. "Their foolish hearts are darkened." They see no

harm in light, worldly amusements, in the enjoyments of a sinful world. They see not the exceeding purity of God's law. Consequently they are unholy. No one can accept and love holiness, who does not see its excellence. How can anyone come to the light without first seeing it.

> Darkness shrouds the carnal mind,
> Makes it erring, false, and blind ;
> Far shuts out God's holy ray,
> Far excludes His dawning day.

Dear friend, are you enlightened to see the strictness, purity, goodness, of Christianity? Do you see that God's ways are not as our ways? Do you see that God is holy, infinitely holy, and requires holy love, quite different from worldliness? If you have this light, thank God, press forward. In much mercy God has given you this light, as a preparation for holiness. Whom God destroys, He allows to be blind. Whom he sanctifies, He enlightens. "Formerly I did not see the strictness, the purity, the preciousness of holiness; now I see them," said a sanctified Christian, led to the enjoyment of the higher life of entire purity. "I cannot see that doctrine of entire holiness ; I cannot see that Paul was a sanctified Christian," remarked a preacher of the gospel. "Why, Paul complained of his depravity." "Examine Paul all through," I replied. "He speaks of living and

walking in the spirit, wholly unto God, filled with the Holy Spirit." Afterwards that preacher was enlightened to see the doctrine of holiness, to see that Paul was a sanctified saint even before his death. That preacher professed and preaches perfect holiness. You cannot thank God enough for spiritual light. They that would walk as children of light must first see the dawning.

Send thy light, Oh Lord, now give
Purest light, that we perceive,
Plainly, clearly all Thy way,
Never in the darkness stray ;
Chase away sin's darkening spell,
May we know Thee fully well,
See Thy perfect holiness,
Sanctified by Thy true grace.

Pray, my friend, for more light, that you understand perfectly God's way of holiness. Years ago things which seemed slightly sinful to me, now appear extremely sinful. I am enabled now, thank God, to see sin afar off, the least rising, and shun it. To see the evil of sin is half the remedy. To see the purity and goodness of holiness leads a great way towards attaining it. Search into God's truth, the exceeding strictness and holiness of his religion, and thus be prepared for fully obeying it. The world has always been in darkness about the true God. "The world, by wisdom, knew not God."

Worldlings want a God like unto themselves, to pander to their carnal propensities. The high, excellent, holy God of the Bible, they do not comprehend. Thus it has been that heathenism so extensively has prevailed. Cold dead forms and ceremonies, which leave sinners in their lusts, suit the heathenish carnal mind. Ritualism is the same as heathenism. It gives no light about the spirituality and holiness of religion, but leaves sinners in their worldliness and sin. The true light of Christianity reveals a God "before whose sight the wicked shall not stand." Whoever would be holy, like God, must shake off the darkness of the world, and follow the light of Christ. Of course the world will cry out against holy Christians, call them fanatics, enthusiasts, oppose and persecute them. But let true Christians follow God's light closely. They will see and know and experience and enjoy the consolations of holiness. Wherever Christ leads we need not be afraid to follow. Certainly He leads us away from the world, its darkness, its sins. He is "the way, the truth, the life." Undoubtedly His will is that you be holy, saved from your sins. For this purpose He has given you light to see the better way of godliness. Whilst you have the light walk by it, carefully, circumspectly. A slight error often does a great deal of harm. A single leak can sink a ship. Beware

that no false idea, no error creep into your mind, and mislead you. To them that have shall more be given. Improve present light, it will increase.

Wandering in the ways of sin,
God has taught my heart within;
By His light now set me free,
Jesus, my dear Lord, to see.

## God's Bible a Source of Holy Light.

"Sanctify them through Thy truth, Thy word is truth." *John* xvii. 17. What a lamentable neglect there is of the Bible. Many have no Bibles at all. Their houses, their families are without Bibles. Many who have Bibles don't read them. Week after week, year after year, their Bibles are unopened, not read. Many read the Bible without the least desire to be enlightened by them, but to confirm their own opinions. All such are evidently groping their way in the dark. The Bible is a wonderful book for instruction and comfort. It has stood and conquered every kind of opposition. Throughout the world now, in every clime, every language, by God's blessing it makes its way everywhere to earth's remotest bounds. Strange that infidels and Bible-haters cannot see this. The Bible breathes holiness. All its sacred pages are full of righteousness. Sin is invariably condemned

by the Bible. Many professing Christians do not come up to the full import of the Bible. They try to fritter away its solemn commands, to explain it to suit their carnal, worldly views. The Bible is uncompromising in its demands. "The word of the Lord is pure." Is your desire to be holy, be well acquainted with the Bible. Read it daily, meditate on its precious truths, give them place in your minds, order your life by them. "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness." 2 *Tim.* iii. 16. Study well the Bible, and learn from it God's way of holiness. No one is at liberty to get up a holiness of their own devising. We must be holy as God is holy. Our ideas of holiness must be taken from the divine mind. What God calls sin we must call sin. What He calls holy we must call holy. Much depends on this entire conformity to God's perfect will. We cannot set up any standard of our own fancy. The Lord is infinitely true and right and good. His holiness must be our standard. This may in some respects be unpalatable, the natural heart may think some other way best. All must be given up to God's perfect will. We learn that holy will from his Bible. Therefore Christ prayed "Sanctify them through Thy truth." All your prejudices and conceits and opinions and

feelings must be given up wholly to the will of God. Learn of Him.

Unerring is Thy Bible, Lord,
May I well search its sacred word ;
Give wisdom that my heart receive
Thy truth, and all Thy truth believe.
Thus sanctify me unto Thee;
My inmost thought now purify ;
That I, in unison with Thee,
Be thine in all eternity.

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## CHAPTER XV.

### God's Moral Law teaches Holiness.

"THOU shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart." Here is entire holiness. If the whole heart is filled with the love of God, certainly this is exalted holiness. How many professed believers undervalue God's high demands. Divided affections, partly given to the world, will not fulfill God's holy law. The whole heart, without the least reservation, must be given to God in true love. The emotions, the thoughts, the desires, the intentions of the heart, must be given voluntarily to God. We are not to look upon God's commands as an irksome duty, a restraint, but really cheerfully love our Maker. His honor, His glory, His

cause, His interests, are to be very dear to us. Supremely we are to love our God. This is holiness. Loving God supremely, we shall be set apart from the world and all that comes in competition with God. The extreme spirituality of God's law is not enough understood. It means a great deal—entire, unreserved love and devotion to our Creator.

### The Gospel of Christ teaches Holiness.

Christ's teachings all insisted on much spirituality. His Sermon on the Mount taught entire holiness. It was aimed directly at the heart, requiring that to be pure and true. Christ explained the strict holiness of the law, in the light of His gospel, making the mere thought or intention of sin in itself guilty. Hating a brother in heart was the same as murder. The Israelites were mere formalists, and were surprised at Christ's explanation of the law. Just so, now, many do not understand the spiritual, holy nature of God's service. Christ told the woman of Samaria, "God is a spirit, and they that worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth."

> The Gospel comes with heavenly light,
> To make us know our God;
> To drive away our sinful night,
> And teach us God's own word.

Love to God, and love to our neighbor as our-

selves, was Christ's gospel. All His preaching was based upon these prominent duties. "Certainly I love God," said a young man with whom I was conversing on religion. "How often do you think of God? When do you ever speak for Him? How often do you pray to Him?" I replied. "You can talk and think about your store, about the world—not a word for God." He saw that in heart he had no true love for God. "I love my neighbors; I love everybody; I have not an enemy," said an elderly man. I remarked to him, "Are not your neighbors, many of them, going to eternal death? What are you doing to save them? Where is your love for them?" The holiness of the Gospel he did not understand. The Gospel of Christ probes the heart, requires that to be pure and clean. "Out of the heart proceed evil thoughts." These defile the man. Nothing less than a holy heart can meet the high claims of Christ's gospel. Christ says, "Be ye perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect." Very high is this standard. Did not Christ know human depravity, human weakness, the trying circumstances of this world? Yet He says, "Be perfect." Would he command what could not be done? He bids us be holy, whatever it may cost us. Though a sin dear as a right eye, or right hand, or foot, hinder us from holiness, we must sacrifice it. Even life itself must

be laid down, and not counted dear, if it hinder our serving God. Christ says plainly the guest who came to the wedding without the garment was cast out. Christ's prayer was that His disciples might be one with Him in God, thus signifying their entire holiness and likeness to God.

Christ's stainless robe of righteousness
Around us must be thrown,
If we, complete in holiness,
Would stand before God's throne.
How searching will the judgment be,
How strict God's righteous law;
To meet the judge in peace must we
Be found without a flaw.

## Christ's great Mission to this Sinful World was Holiness.

"He shall save His people from their sins." *Matt.* i. 21. Why did Christ leave the holy, happy courts of heaven, the songs of angels, the glory and joy of heaven, the delightful associations there, and come to this sin-cursed earth? Why did He become a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief? Why suffer poverty, contempt, persecution, the bitter, bloody death at Calvary? All to take away sin. Christ saw the evil of the malady, sin. He saw the pitiable, dreadful condition of sinners, and He suffered all His heavy, overwhelming sufferings to take away sin. He stooped so low, endured

so much, wept agonized, sweating drops of blood, not to make us rich, or learned, or powerful, but to make us holy. If the pains of Calvary don't teach the evils of sin and preciousness of holiness, nothing can do so. There is a guilt about sin we know nothing of. There is a value, an excellence in holiness, we cannot imagine. In all Christ's weary pilgrimage on earth, in all His cares and griefs, in all His humiliation and tears, in all His disgrace and death, Christ had in view the purification of His people. Remember that, fellow Christian. As you love the Saviour, as you would fulfill His loving will, be holy, without reproach, be clean from sin, be separate from a sinful world which crucified the Lord of glory.

Let your name be that of Christian,
Known by that in all your ways ;
By a fair and full profession,
Showing Christ's most worthy praise.

Keep your garments all unspotted
By the world's corruptions sore,
Clean and holy, all unblotted,
Till you reach Heaven's holy shore.

Christian, awake to Christ's claims upon you. He has bought you with His blood, and now claims that in perfect holiness you glorify and honor Him.

The Apostles' Commission was Holiness.

The Apostles were sent forth by our Lord, not to make men great scholars, or princes, or honorable, or worldly-wise, or enjoyers of the good things of earth ; but to carry out Christ's own great mission, to make men good, holy, pure, true servants of God. For this He endowed them with great power, to work miracles, that they might preach repentance with much power, and convert sinners to holiness. I do not see how any one can mistake this calling and work of the Apostles. They preached up no ritualism, no forms and ceremonies, no church membership, no proselyting, but repentance, conversion, a change of heart from sin to holiness. Their object was to win souls to love and serve a holy, pure and loving Saviour. If any one don't see this in the labors of the Apostles, they must be blind.

To all the world go forth,
Salvation wide proclaim ;
Salvation from hell's burning wrath,
In Jesus' loving name.
Salvation from each sin,
Its guilty, poisonous, stain ;
Pure holiness and love within,
In Jesus' blood made clean.

Paul preached entire holiness to the Lord, when he says, " We are dead unto sin. Sin hath no more

dominion over us." He says, "Come out from the world, and be ye separate, and touch not the unclean thing." He speaks of perfecting holiness in the fear of God. Some object that we are to try to be perfect in holiness, but the plain meaning of the expression is, it is actually to be done. If a criminal before a jury should say he tried to keep the law, would that clear him? We must actually forsake all sin, and perfect holiness in the fear of God. Peter speaks of sanctifying the Lord God in your hearts. This certainly means a high state of piety. If God is sanctified in the heart, that is, received in the heart to the exclusion of sin, the heart must be holy. John the beloved disciple, who no doubt knew well his Lord's will, uses very strong language. He says, "If any one love the world the love of the Father is not in him." He says, that "Every one, that hath this hope, purifieth himself, even as He is pure." To be pure as God is, means a great deal. Why place this high standard if not attainable? Holiness was the aim of the preaching of the Apostles. Wherever they went this was their burden. They exhorted, threatened, warned, persuaded, entreated, promised, that they might turn sinners from their sins. Conversion of heart, sanctification of soul by the power of the Holy Spirit, were their common themes. The Lord was with them in this precious work. He gathered

many souls, by their labors, out from a vain, sinful world, and led them to holiness, and to his praise. For this work of holiness, the gainsaying wicked world, that hated godliness and a holy Christianity, put the Apostles to death. They had to seal their holy mission to a sinful world with their death.

### The Holy Spirit's Work is Holiness.

"When He the Spirit of truth is come, He will guide you into all truth." *John* xvi. 13. Especially must there be truth, in order to holiness. Error and darkness cannot lead to the light of purity. The Holy Spirit is almighty and holy. Peculiarly is He called holy. Christ, in his farewell address and exhortation, spake several times of the Spirit. He calls Him the Comforter, the giver of peace and consolation. Sometimes He is called the Spirit of truth. Emphatically, usually He is called the Holy Spirit. We may believe from this characteristic, that especially He is holy. The early prophets were inspired by this Holy Spirit. He gave them that light which enabled them to see divine truth, and He inspired their minds to write the living oracles of God. Moses, Solomon, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, all the early prophets, were inspired by the Holy Spirit to write the truths of God. Common men in themselves, God selected them as instruments for his great work of writing his oracles

of divine truth. Human learning or philosophy could not have fitted them for this sacred work. The Holy Spirit only could qualify and authorize them for this great service. The Apostles likewise were enlightened and guided by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, in writing the New Testament. This Holy Spirit has thus given us the sure truth of God, by which to seek salvation. But He is promised to all that ask for Him. "More willingly than an earthly parent will give good gifts to his children, will God give His Holy Spirit to all that ask Him." Wonderful condescension. This Holy Spirit, guide to all truth, source of all consolation, will be given to all who ask for Him. His power especially is to counteract sin. At times He is sent like the wind, very unexpectedly. "Often I had to leave my work, and go to my room, and cry and pray," said a woman, deeply convicted by the Holy Spirit. Strongly that Spirit led her in conviction over a year, when she found peace in Jesus. "The more I prayed, the worse I felt," said a man for months under the convictions and strivings of the Holy Spirit. Sorrow weighed him down, on account of his sins, until at last the Spirit led him to Christ and to joy. A man was deeply burdened with his lost condition, struggled for relief, and while singing, "Jesus paid it all for me," the Spirit set him free in Christ. Variously does this

Spirit operate. But one result is in view in all cases, to take away the guilt and power of sin, and give peace in Christ. This Holy Spirit is the source of all sanctification. Without Him sin never can be removed. "That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit." Conversion comes altogether from the Holy Spirit. So does sanctification. None need expect deliverance from sin, and from going down to hell, except by the Spirit's power. The new birth must be wrought by the Spirit. This Holy Spirit is not promised in connection with any outward forms or ordinances. No church rites or ceremonies can obtain the Spirit. "How much more will your heavenly Father give his Holy Spirit to all that ask Him." No church ordinance is mentioned here. Directly in answer to prayer God gives His Spirit. Far above all rites and ceremonies is the Spirit, promised by Christ. Untrammeled, free as the wind are His mysterious wonderful movings upon the hearts of mankind. Do you, my reader, desire the sacred gift of the Spirit? Go right to the Lord, in humble prayer, call upon Him earnestly, urge your requests importunately, persevere, cease not, but persevere, and God's truth is pledged, that He will give you His Holy Spirit.

Holy Spirit, source of light,
Come with rays of truth so bright;

Thy glad dawning may I see,
Come, reveal Thyself to me.

Sin's dark night drive far away,
Let me see Thy truth's clear day;
Fire of holiness impart,
Burn the dross from all my heart.

Like my Saviour, sanctify,
Wholly Thine in purity;
Let no sin in me remain,
Take away the lingering stain.

Dear Christian, value the Holy Spirit very highly. Strive by all means to cherish Him. Carefully shun whatever would offend Him. All vain, idle talk, all light, careless thoughts, all idle, worldly associates, shun decidedly, and betake yourself in good earnest to the precious work of cherishing the Holy Spirit, and thus becoming fully sanctified to God. This is a very solemn, serious matter. Don't treat it lightly. Seriously consider it, and apply your heart and mind solemnly to the important work of being sanctified by the Holy Spirit unto the Lord.

## Preachers of the Gospel should Preach Holiness Prominently.

All Gospel preaching is to preach Christ Jesus, as the Saviour of sinners. If sinners are not saved from their sins, nothing is done. Preachers are not called of the Holy Spirit to preach moral culture,

fine intellectual discourses, to please a vain world, to gain popularity, but to save souls. If souls are not saved, nothing is accomplished. Preachers should keep this distinctly in view, and preach holiness as the object of Christ's mission. Preachers are often destitute of the Spirit themselves, and of course know nothing about holiness. Really converted, godly preachers of Christ, personally, experimentally acquainted with holiness, should preach this earnestly, and urge it upon their hearers. Without deliverance from sin in Christ, souls must go to hell.

Great is the responsibility of preaching the Gospel. Preachers are leaders in the work of saving souls. Alas! how cold, formal, wordly, trifling, unholy, are many preachers. Their preaching is a mere profession, a mere trade, not undertaken for the good of souls. Truly spiritual, heavenly-minded preachers, we thank God there are some such, should firmly stand up for the truth, the holy truth, as it is in Christ. Was there no sin, no lost sinners, Christ need not have died, and there had been no need of preaching. Let true-hearted preachers be mindful of this, and like Christ strive to turn sinners to righteousness, to entire holiness.

## The Sabbath is a Holy Institution.

An experienced Christian remarked once, that

when he had kept the Sabbath well, he felt the spiritual influence of it during the week. The Sabbath was the first religious institution that we can read of. God honored this holy institution by His own observance of it. He rested on the Sabbath day and sanctified it. This gave it great importance. If God Himself observed the Sabbath day by resting from His work, it must be very sacred. When Christ was laid in the sepulchre, the disciples would not go to look at His grave on the Sabbath, but rested according to the commandment. The day is now changed from the seventh to the first, but the command still remains. "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy." Many professing Christians hurt themselves by neglecting the Sabbath. Visiting, worldly occupations, unprofitable conversation, light reading of newspapers, or worldly books, are all a desecration of the Sabbath. It is a holy day, set apart to the Lord, and must be kept holy unto Him. If you would cultivate holiness, live near to God, and walk in the light of his countenance, take care how you spend your Sabbaths. Devote them faithfully, strictly, to the Lord, to religious exercises of prayer, of reading God's word, of being in religious meetings, of serious meditation, that your soul be drawn to God, and you enabled thus to cultivate holiness.

Sweet the Sabbath's holy rest,
Pledge of Heaven, where, ever blest,
We shall dwell in glad repose,
Resting from this world of woes.

Happy rest, most happy rest,
We by sin no more distrest ;
With our Jesus, with his saints,
Rest from all our sad complaints.

Set your mind firmly to the faithful observance of God's holy Sabbath, and strive to influence others to do the same. This will help you much in your progress in the divine life, in making the higher attainments of entire consecration to the service of the Lord.

## How much Holiness shall We Aim to Possess?

The natural mind is groveling. It cleaves to the beggarly elements of the world. After conversion the carnal mind still shows itself. Paul, writing to the Corinthians, speaks of babes in Christ. Although converted brethren in Christ, still they were carnal, walking as men, that is as the world. 1 *Cor.* iii. 1. Of course, such Christians, although in the judgment of charity Christians, would not desire any high attainments in piety. The carnal mind does not wish much holiness. Very many Christians are satisfied with low attainments in religion. They grovel in the world,

are sensual, worldly, and are content merely to get within the gate of heaven. Perhaps such nominal Christians will not get inside of the gate at all. They have no desire to be near the throne, to see the King in His beauty, to praise him with the innumerable throng, washed in the blood of the Lamb. But does it please our Lord, do we glorify Him, if we grovel in the world and make little progress in religion? The exhortation is, "Grow in grace," that is, after sin is cut off, like a right eye or right hand, after being made clean from sin, still advance, in knowledge, in love, in nearness to God. Can we, redeemed in Christ, dead unto sin, content ourselves with low attainments? The will of God is our sanctification. Is there any danger of being too holy? Can we come too near the Lord in holiness? Many, alas, very many professing Christians are afraid of the world, afraid of being thought very godly, afraid of being unfashionable, willing to drag on in sin. Dear Christian, awaken to your precious privilege of being entirely like unto Christ, of having Him formed within you, the hope of glory, of being filled with the Holy Spirit, of experiencing the height and depth of the love of Christ, holy in heart and life. Draw nigh to God, very near, very near to Him. He will be with you to strengthen and comfort you.

Much of thy Spirit now impart,
Abundant light now send,
Entirely now possess my heart;
My Lord, my only friend.

Into the fullness of thy love
I now desire to press,
Spirit of love now o'er me move,
Full love on me impress.

Jesus my life, my love, my all,
None else will I believe;
Jesus, to Thee I yield my all,
My sacrifice receive.

God has all sufficiency, all kindness and grace, and is perfectly ready to give abundant blessings to all who ask Him. He loves to give liberally. Ask much of His spirit, much love and holiness, you will receive.

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## CHAPTER XVI.

### Holiness a Preparation for the Millennium.

"MANY shall be purified and made white, and tried, but the wicked shall do wickedly." *Daniel.* The Lord has promised a period, in the latter times, of a thousand years, when Christ shall come again, and personally reign with His people on this earth. Long has the promise been given, from the earliest times. The old Jewish rabbis

have had it in expectation. Christians have always been looking for it. Various theories have been formed, different opinions entertained about the millennium. The fact and truth, however, seem well established, that Christ will reign here personally on earth with His people. "Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven," means the millennium. A time of great peace, prosperity, happiness and holiness will then prevail for a thousand years. Satan is then bound fast in prison, his temptations removed, and holiness established throughout the world. Even on the bells of the horses there shall be holiness to the Lord. Nothing will hurt or destroy. Probably no sickness nor death will be experienced during the millennium. Christ's personal presence and reign here will constitute great joy. The angels told the disciples, when Christ ascended to heaven, "This same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen Him go into heaven." *Acts* i. 11. Of course, His coming will be personal. We shall see Him. His reign, no doubt, will be personal, and being here personally with His people, great joy will fill their hearts. Their long-cherished hopes will then be fulfilled. Then many ardent prayers for Christ's coming will all be answered. The scoffs and jeers

and taunts of infidels and worldlings about Christ's coming will then be found to be false.

Come at last, the Saviour reigns,
Far are fled all tears and pains,
Satan tempts the world no more;
Trials, sorrows all are o'er,

Joyful time, when Jesus here,
Here, in person, shall appear,
To the earth's remotest bound
He shall reign where man is found.

Happy time, that thousand years,
Free from sin, from cares, and fears.
Christ shall reign Himself, in love
We his joyful reign shall prove.

Come, Lord Jesus, quickly come,
Take the power, Thy reign assume;
Bring thy wandering exiles home,
Come, Lord Jesus, quickly come!

Especially in the happy millennium will there be holiness. Let us keep this in mind. Let us well remember this. Christ's reign is a holy reign. He is a pure, sinless, holy God. Sin cannot come near Him. His reign will be holy. Infidelity and uncleanness and intemperance, and malice and blasphemy and cruelty, and worldliness and earth's vanities, and dissipation, and mockery, and foolishness and pride, will not be there. Peace and joy, and love and holiness will characterize Christ's

happy millennial reign. When Christ comes at the beginning of the millennium, the righteous dead rise, in the first resurrection, they who are washed in the blood of the Lamb, meet and fit to reign with the Lord. The wicked dead do not rise till the millennium, the thousand years of Christ's reign, are past. The wicked died in their sins, unclean, unholy, how could they take any part in the sinless, pure reign of Jesus? Reader, look to it well that you have part in the first resurrection.

Dark, most wretched is the doom
Of the dead, who die in gloom;
Sin unwashed, uncleansed away,
All unfit for Christ's glad day.

With the devil they depart,
To hell's endless burning smart;
Down, forever down, cast down,
They in hell will weep and groan.

Holiness will shine forth conspicuously in the millennium. The dawning light of the brightest sun cannot be as fair as holiness will then shine. The earth will be full of holiness. We are now approaching the millennium. Signs are thickening. Earthquakes are greatly increasing. Christ said there should be earthquakes in divers places before His coming. The Gospel is being preached among all nations. The Papal beast and the Mahometan

false prophet are tottering and seem likely soon to fall. At their fall Christ comes. Daniel inquired of the Lord how he might know of these latter times. The Lord replied, "Many shall be purified and made white and tried, but the wicked shall do wickedly." As a preparation and prelude before the millennium, holiness will increase, and also wickedness. None can doubt the increase of wickedness. Allowing for the increase of population, still sin of every sort and degree has lately wonderfully increased. Facts and figures prove this undeniably. Statistics from large cities in different parts of the world prove a very large increase of crime and wickedness. Christ said, "iniquity shall abound" before His coming. As the flood in the days of Noah, so Christ will come in seasons of unparalleled crime and iniquity. Such is the state of the world now, showing plainly Christ's coming is near. The age of the world, nearly six thousand years, according to the most accurate chronology, proves the same fact. The prophecy of the Lord to Daniel about the increase of holiness is very important. Let us not overlook this. "Many shall be purified and made white and tried," before Christ's coming. Christ's people, His saints, must be in readiness by being purified. Their robes must be clean and white. They must in heart and life be cleansed from all sin. How else are they fit to reign with

Jesus? They are to share His reign and glory with Him. Certainly they must be made perfectly holy, in order to be fit and meet to reign with their Lord in His holy kingdom. A great awakening has taken place about holiness. "Some years ago," said a devoted Christian to me, "hardly anything was said about holiness. The subject seemed to have fallen away. It was never preached about; no one advocated it. Now, much is said about it, often it is preached, many profess it." This remark of this devoted Christian is perfectly true. Many preachers now zealously preach the doctrine of entire holiness. Many persons profess to experience it. Many periodical religious papers are printed on this subject. Books are written on it. Holiness camp-meetings are being held. Holiness conventions are held. Very extensive efforts are now made for the promotion of holiness. The prophecy made to Daniel is rapidly being fulfilled. "Many shall be purified and made white." Christian brother, let us not slight the signs of the times. Holiness is now in many places in all parts of the world becoming quite the prominent theme. As we approach the happy, holy millennium, still more will be purified. Of course some will oppose this. The saints of God must be tried by opposition, probably by persecution. They must stand fast. Paul speaks of an apostacy, false teachers before

Christ comes. Christ says, "The love of many shall wax cold" before His coming. At this time, much error, many false doctrines, much opposition to holiness, abounds. Preachers and professing Christians have set themselves against this doctrine of entire holiness to the Lord, saying we must continue in sin, in natural depravity, in dishonoring God, until we die. In their opinion, the blood of Christ has not full power now over all sin, and cannot have it until death. Such persons do not see the signs of the times. Always Christ has been almighty. His blood always was omnipotent to eradicate every sin, even like a right eye. Especially now in these latter times, the wonderful cleansing blood of Christ is made manifest. Whoever doubts this, don't see the signs of the times. Holiness is fast gaining ground. We thank and praise God for this. We hail thankfully the increase of holiness, as a sure harbinger of Christ's holy millennium.

Dawns that day in holiness,
Sin's dark night must quickly cease;
Evil deeds no more are seen,
Christ will make the earth all clean.

Love to God will fire each soul,
Fully, free from sin's control;
Every heart be holiness,
Every heart all joy and peace.

Dear Redeemer, we shall hail
Thy glad kingdom, when must fail
Ev'ry power of darkness, then
Shall prevail Thy holy reign.

We pray, "Come Lord Jesus, come quickly." Fellow believer, let us be ready in all holiness. Let us watch and pray, that we be ready in holiness to meet Christ. Be not satisfied with low degrees of piety. God wishes you to be wholly conformed to Himself; like Him in holiness. This is His will and pleasure. Try, strive earnestly, to be like Him. Many false prophets will arise in the latter times, to seduce, if it were possible, even God's elect saints. On this subject of holiness, some are prophesying falsely, saying that entire holiness, perfect consecration to God, must not be expected in this sinful world. Does not Christ say expressly, "Be of good cheer, I have overcome the world." Martin Luther thanked God that text was in the Bible. The world is corrupt, strong, able to sway many souls, able to do much harm, in opposing godliness. But we need not fear. Christ has overcome the world. We can be holy, notwithstanding all the hindrance of the world. Minds that don't want real holiness raise objections against it. Learned scientific men, great theologians, will sometimes denounce holiness. In their vain wisdom, they want such a degree of religion

as suits their worldly appetites. They bow to the world, and will accept no more holiness than will pass well in the world. Christ has overcome the world. It is a conquered foe. We are not to follow it. In these latter times, the world, and worldly professing Christians, will oppose pure and undefiled religion. But that opposition must fall, according to the word of Christ. Christian friend, let us go forward diligently, in nearness, in full, in entire consecration to the Lord. The least sin dishonors God. The least stain or blot upon the believer's robe dishonors Christ. Get clear from it. "Touch not, taste not, handle not," the pollutions of the world. Be strict, holy in every particular. The millennium will be a time of great glory to Christ. He will then reign in great power and splendor. His name will be high above every other name. Once despised, persecuted, cast out with reproach, buffetted, spit upon, scourged, nailed to the cross in all his humiliation, very differently will He come in millennial glory. The pride and pomp of monarchs, the display of earthly conquerors, will be poor and beggarly compared to Christ's glory in the millennium. Over the whole earth, from ocean to ocean, will His kingdom extend. No enemy will arise then to annoy God's people, or interrupt the glory of Christ's reign. Christ will be glorified. Keep that in view. Be-

come ready, in all holiness, for entering into, promoting and sharing his glory.

In Jesus' blood be clean,
Not else can you praise Him ;
Let all ascribe in earth and heaven,
Praise to the bleeding Lamb.

When shines millennial morn,
In brightest holiness,
Christ's praise and glory will adorn
That scene of loveliness.

Dear friend, you cannot be ready without striving. "Strive to enter in at the strait gate, for many, I say unto you, will seek to enter in, and shall not be able," says our divine, omniscient Saviour. Professors, at ease in Zion, are not getting ready. A strife must be experienced. Arouse your energies ; summon up your resolution ; call upon God in frequent prayer ; come out from the world ; watch continually for Christ's coming, that you be ready.

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## CHAPTER XVII.

### Heaven is the Final Scene of Holiness.

WHEN the thousand years of Christ's millennial reign are past, then comes the second resurrection of the wicked to judgment, where all shall

be assembled, and judged according to deeds done in the body. In the final judgment sin will be condemned, sinners cast down to eternal death and torment in hell. The righteous, the holy, will be received and welcomed into heaven. "Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard; neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love Him." It is a scene that exceeds all imagination. We, in our limited capacities, cannot begin to think what God has prepared for His people. Now they are struggling in their weary pilgrimage. They never feel at home in this God-hating world. Worldly associations cannot satisfy the pure mind of the Christian. Tears and sorrows are often the portion of Christians on earth. They are exposed to many things annoying and disagreeable. The name of Jesus is spoken lightly of, sometimes blasphemed. This worries the Christian; of course he must bear all evils patiently. Still, such things grieve him. Christ himself was grieved, and wept at the contradiction of sinners. The perverseness and wickedness of his own people, the Jews, grieved Him. The world now is altogether against God, following the ways of sin and the devil. Christians are grieved at these things. "Many are the afflictions of the righteous." Through much tribulation they perform their journey to

heaven. Sometimes Christians suffer obloquy and reproach for the sake of Christ. The godly are always apt to suffer persecution.

Around us is a sinful race,
God's bitter, cruel, foes;
Who trample on His heavenly grace,
And all His ways oppose.

Patience, good Christian, kindly bear,
The world's vile rage and scorn;
You will at last Christ's glory share,
With Him will wear the crown.

Never has the world been friendly to religion. Fashionable, worldly churches, cold, nominal, worldly professors, have often been highly respected by the world. But real, true, pure godliness is an exotic on this earth, much hated by the world. "The friendship of the world is enmity against God." Therefore, if you are indeed a child of God, born of His Holy Spirit, expect trials and afflictions in the world. The more godly you are, the greater will be your trials. For wise purposes, God sometimes sends afflictions upon His people for their good. Job was a holy man, yet severely afflicted. Christ Himself was made perfect through sufferings. We, His followers, must often drink the cup of sorrow. At times the afflictions of Christians press them very heavily. But a rest is in prospect, a rest from all evil and from all sin.

"Nothing that defileth can enter heaven." The inmates there have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

Sin is the ultimate real cause of all evil, all suffering and distress in this world. Was there no sin, no tribulations or griefs would ever be experienced. Had Adam never fallen, we had never witnessed the curse of God upon his sinful race. Heaven is happy because holy. Love there entirely fulfills God's holy law. All the descriptions of heaven represent it as peculiarly holy. The inhabitants, the employments, the enjoyments are all holy. The Lord Himself, the source and spring, the sum and substance of all heaven's happiness, is essentially holy. Language can give no description of God's holiness. Father, Son and Holy Ghost, three in one, are all essentially holy. Holy angels praise and worship and rejoice in God continually. Saints redeemed in the blood of Christ are perfectly pure, and therefore one with God in His holiness and happiness. In this world the scene is chequered. Good and evil, blessings and curses, joys and sorrows, health and sickness, saints and sinners, are mingled. Heaven is a place of holiness, therefore separate, set apart from all sin and evil. We do well to remember this. At the judgment a final and entire separation takes place between the good and the bad. Heaven is separated from all sin, all

evil, all sorrow, all death. When the wicked depart, they will go away to a distance, afar off, to that dreadful prison-house in hell. Heaven is entirely by itself, wholly for God, his peculiar habitation, where His law and will are perfectly loved and obeyed. Every feeling, every thought, every action there, are in entire unison with God's holy will. Consider this, and see what exalted holiness you must have, in order to be "meet for the inheritance of the saints in light." Your whole nature must be fully sanctified to God in purity and love. Not a discordant or unholy desire must be left within you. A perfect consecration, an entire sanctification must be accomplished before you enter heaven. Will you leave this great, this indispensable work till sickness unnerves you, or death paralyzes you? Begin now, this hour. Dear Christian, begin without delay, and yield yourself up wholly without the least reservation to be for God. Try now the full power of Christ's cleansing blood. Try now the power fully of his sanctifying Holy Spirit.

No longer slumber on the ground
Where sin and Satan dwell;
Girded with Christ's full grace be found,
Against all powers of hell.

Come fully to the Saviour's blood,
Able to cleanse from sin;

Try fully that all-powerful flood,
In heart be pure and clean.

Heaven's holy scenes will not admit
The least defiling sin ;
In robes in Jesus' blood made white,
Be wholly, wholly clean.

Wait not till death for cleansing power,
Often, alas, too late ;
Be wash'd, be pure, this very hour,
Jesus does now invite.

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## CHAPTER XVIII.

### Power in Prayer, the Result of Holiness.

"IF I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me." *Ps.* lxvi. 18. A common complaint with Christians is, that their prayers are not answered. It may happen that requests might be made for things not agreeable to God's will, which would be evils instead of blessings. It may happen, that sometimes God sees fit to withhold answers to prayers, although such prayers seem to us in accordance with God's righteous will. A very pious Christian once prayed a number of years, for the conversion of a relative, prayed in faith, very earnestly. As far as could be known, that relative died unconverted. Usually, however,

does not the failure arise from the unfitness of the person praying? Many, very many remarkable instances are known of answers to prayer, so plain no one can doubt them. God is certainly as willing now as ever to answer prayer. His promises are abundant. "Ask, and it shall be given you," is the promise of immutable truth. We must believe the fault is in the heart of the person praying, if prayer is not answered. In all the cases we read of in the Bible, of answers to prayer, there was great holiness in those praying. They walked with God, held constant communion with Him, and He heard their prayers. Let any one live carelessly, loosely, in known sin, and can they expect their prayers to be answered? This is tested by all experience. The lives of many holy Christians prove that, by living near to God, in the cultivation of much holiness, they were enabled to go in faith to a throne of grace, and prevail. A great deal of prayer, like a great deal of preaching, seems to accomplish little or nothing. No results show that any answers have been given. Even the vilest sinner, if he would come to God for mercy, and expect to be heard, must come forsaking all his sins. If he still holds on to iniquity he will not be heard of the Lord. Sin debars all power with God. Whoever would prevail with God in prayer must come with clean hands and a pure heart,

The most polluted sinner can pray for holiness in Christ, and if truly renouncing sin, will find the new and holy heart. Dear friend, make full faithful experiment, live wholly unto God, be in constant communion with Him, in speech and behavior shun all sin, and see if God does not hear and answer your prayers. If you have to complain that your prayers are not answered, in all probability you are living too far from the Lord, away from Christ, not cherishing His Holy Spirit. Follow your Saviour closely, cherish His Holy Spirit constantly, and you will not pray in vain.

The prayer defiled with sin is vain,
The pure in heart will gain success;
The holy saints shall not complain,
God will relieve them in distress.

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## CHAPTER XIX.

### Associations for the Promotion of Holiness.

RELIGION loves fellowship. One of the first evidences of conversion is fellowship with Christians. This social feeling marks religion in all its progress. Christ prayed that all his followers might be one, in feeling, spirit, fellowship. Associations for holiness are entirely in accordance

with Christianity. Class meetings, band meetings, experience meetings, should be cultivated a great deal more than they are. Much good can be accomplished by them. The experience of one Christian helps another in their trials and pilgrimage. If one Christian weeps, others can weep with him. If one rejoices, others can rejoice with him. Thus burdens are lightened, and joys are strengthened. Naturally we want sympathy. "They that feared the Lord, spake often one to another," and the Lord was pleased with it, and remembered it. Associations for holiness are based on this Christian social feeling. They should be encouraged. If holiness is essential to Christianity, if without it no one can see the Lord, let it be encouraged by all practicable means. When Christians, professing or seeking entire holiness, meet together to talk and pray about it, certainly they must strengthen each other. There is no danger of urging this matter too much. We might as well say there is danger of urging religion too much. Holiness is religion. It means pure, true religion. Can we come too near to God, or be too much like Him? Associations for holiness have in view to bring Christians into a higher state of religion, move conformity unto the Lord Jesus, to be filled with the Holy Spirit. Those who object to holiness associations, certainly do not understand

or appreciate the higher attainments to which Christ is calling His people. Objections are raised that holiness associations make holiness too much a specialty. Worldlings raise the objection that revivals make conversions too much a specialty. The human mind is usually most successfully engaged when directed specially to some definite object. Christ's preaching was very definite. He singled out some definite truth, and called attention to that. He singled out definitely the sins of the scribes and Pharisees and chief priests, and specially denounced them. If we take holiness as a definite object to talk and pray about, we can concentrate our efforts more profitably upon that than by considering various objects. The danger in religious effort is not in being too special, but in not being special enough. Praying is too indefinite generally, and so is preaching. Associations for holiness do not exclude other doctrines or other graces of religion, or labors for converting sinners. The fact is undeniable, that the best workers in the cause of Christ in saving lost souls are those who profess and enjoy most holiness.

## CHAPTER XX.

### The Condition of Unholy, Unconverted Sinners.

"THE wages of sin is death." *Rom.* vi. 23. Wherever sin exists the condemnation of God unto death is upon it. In heaven, earth or hell, the holy law of God denounces sin. The sinner must be punished with death temporal and eternal. God's law is not made capriciously or unjustly. "Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?" At the judgment every mouth will be stopped, even of lost souls. Satan in all his torments can find no fault with God's laws. Take care, sinner, how you continue in sin, for at last you will find out that you are wrong and God right. When your own heart turns against you and vindicates God's holy law, your doom will be bitter indeed. God's laws certainly are framed in wisdom, love and justice. Unjustly He will punish no one. Have you done well, you will be rewarded, but if sinful you must perish. Consider your true condition, ascertain and know it. Are you holy or sinful? Are you truly serving God, or disobeying Him? Have you ever been born of God's Holy Spirit, changed from loving sin to loving

God? If sinful, unpardoned, uncleansed in Christ, your condition is dreadful. You may have this world's goods, you may have worldly honors, pleasures, sports, vanities, popularity, power, learning, but if you are sinful, and continue such, you will be lost in the endless torments of hell. You may try to doubt God's truth, may scoff at the Bible, set God's laws at defiance, and harden your heart in infidelity, but if you do not repent and turn from sin, you will be lost in the everlasting burnings of hell. You may plead your morality, that you have done no harm in the world, that you cannot think you will perish forever; but if unreconciled to God, and unwashed in the blood of the Lamb, you will go down to the quenchless flames, the weeping and gnashing of teeth in hell. Do you not realize the depravity, the deep depravity of your soul, how far from God and holiness it is, how filled with evil, continually bent upon iniquity, hating God and all goodness? Do you never see that the imaginations of your mind are only evil, corrupt, polluted? When you look in upon your thoughts and feelings, do you never see what a sink of iniquity lies hidden in your breast?

Polluted is the human heart,
A sink of vice and sin;
The Lord, the holy Lord, does hate
A heart so base, unclean.

The fires of hell most justly burn,
The sinner to consume ;
There shall he ever, ever mourn
His dreadful fiery doom.

Turn, sinner, turn and shun that wrath,
Find pardon in the Lamb ;
Escape from hell's eternal death,
By Jesus' worthy name.

Is God a deceiver? Has He put threatenings into His holy Bible to delude us—to awaken needless terrors? What could He gain by so doing? What would be His advantage in deceiving us? Even the poor, blind heathen, who have no Bible, believe in the future eternal punishment of sin. The law of God is written in the conscience. "The wages of sin is death." Conscience may be perverted, and yet the ignorant heathen are a law unto themselves. Infidels have hardened themselves, seared their consciences as with a hot iron, and yet after all conscience has awoke and stung and lashed them intolerably. "A wounded spirit who can bear?" Remorse, the pangs of a guilty conscience, are worse than any bodily disease. Dear friend, don't trifle with these solemn things. "Your sins will find you out." Midnight cannot hide them. The eye of Omniscience sees them all. Repent while you can, forsake every evil way, return sincerely to God, and He will have mercy upon you.

Be not deceived by Satan, be not enslaved by him; come to the Lord Jesus, and in Him find forgiveness. Now is your time. Life hangs by a brittle thread, liable any moment to be snapped asunder. Awake to your dangerous condition; realize that you are hanging over the flames of hell, ready any moment to destroy you. Cry for mercy, while you can get the cleansing power of Christ's blood, while yet offered.

To-morrow, in the future is,
Uncertain, may not come;
Most sudden, Ah! in sad surprise,
Death quick may seal your doom.

Wait not, stay not, begin just now,
On Jesus call in prayer;
Humbly in prayer before Him bow,
Your humble prayer He'll hear.

Wait not, poor sinner, now begin,
Trust in the Saviour's love;
For He will pardon all your sin,
Your painful guilt remove.

Trust Him; He died for such as you,
For you His life He gave;
His outstretched arms by faith now view,
Able your soul to save.

Dear friend, the difficulty is, if you are not cleansed in Christ you never can be. Without holiness you cannot enter heaven. In your unclean-

ness you must be the associate of Satan and damned souls in hell. None there will ever be cleansed. The blood of Christ is not offered in hell. If you intend to be holy, freed from the corruption of sin, made pure and clean in heart, try now the only remedy, the blood of Jesus. Precious indeed is this blood, almighty to save. Multitudes have found its power. You may have it. Christ has loved your soul unto death. Now He pleads with you to come to Him. He will not always plead. Death will close your probation. Arouse yourself, oh, sinner! from the sleep of sin, the sleep of Satan, call mightily upon God. Pray with your whole soul, and find mercy in Christ. Without Him you are forever lost. Come now, and be cleansed in Him, and find your way to a holy heaven.

## Conclusion.

Dear friend, I have tried, by the grace of God, to present to your consideration the subject of holiness, full consecration to the Lord, entire cleanness from sin in the blood of Christ, and thus fitness for heaven. Give this subject your serious thought. Consider it well. Solemnly weigh the matter. Are you pardoned and cleansed in Christ? Do you realize in Christ deliverance from the power and pollution of sin? If so, press forward in the divine life to new and higher attainments in religion.

Seek to know more of the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge. Live for Christ, work for Christ in the great work of saving souls, and in every possible way of doing good. Are you burdened with sin, trammeled by it, held down by it? Seek deliverance in Christ. He can set you free. We have great cause to thank and praise our God for His wonderful salvation revealed in Christ. Dreadful as the malady and plague of sin is, Christ can effectually take it away.

Jesus, Thy name shall praiséd be,
By all the hosts above;
Angels and saints shall all praise Thee,
For Thy great work of love.

Never shall thy high glories cease,
In rapturous hosts in heaven;
Forever shall Thy praise increase,
For Thou Thy blood hast given.

Ah! precious blood, redeeming blood,
To wash our sins so white;
How shall that love be understood,
How we that love requite?

Dear Christian, pray that God may pour out His Holy Spirit abundantly to revive religion, to promote holiness, to establish speedily Christ's holy, happy, sinless kingdom throughout this earth. To our Redeemer shall be all the praise, the glory, the honor, the dominion, forever. Amen.

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